

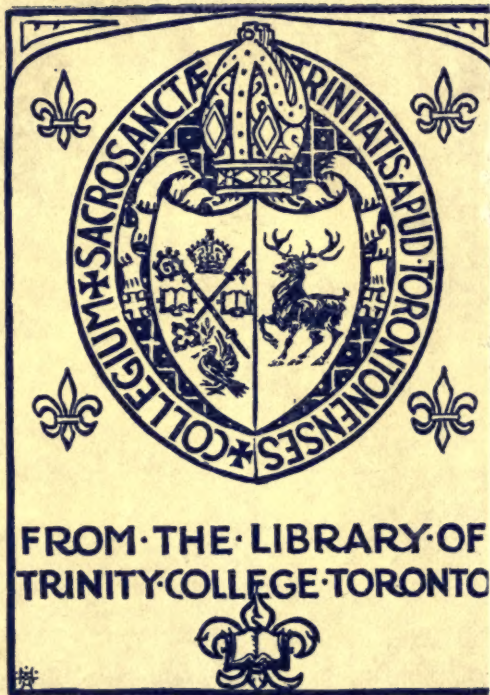
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PREFACE.

AT no time probably within recent years has there been a more widespread desire than now among Church people to learn to pray more and to learn to pray better. The present seems, therefore, an opportune time to offer some further assistance towards cultivating this divine faculty of man's being.

There can be no doubt that the art of prayer, like all other arts, can best be learned by steady practice, and no better opportunity for such practice could be found than that offered by Prayer Meetings, Prayer Classes, and Prayer Conventions, which are now happily becoming so frequent among us.

Further, now that books are cheap and every one can read them, Prayer Manuals may be turned to very full account on these occasions.

But there appear to exist at present no books designed to serve this purpose. There are an immense number of devotional manuals for use in secret prayer; there is also our Book of Common Prayer for use in public worship, but a manuel which stands midway between the two, providing devotions suitable for united prayer other than the public services of the Church, seems to be wholly lacking. This Manual aims at supplying the need.

It has a further end in view. By providing devotions drawn largely from the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer, **THE CHURCH-MAN'S PRAYER MANUAL** seeks to train the Christian soul in the devotional use of the Bible

and in a fuller knowledge and appreciation of the prayers and other devotions provided for the Church's liturgical worship. At the same time the need of freshness has not been overlooked; familiar words have been turned into new devotions, and familiar devotions have been cast into new forms.

The Manual has a yet further purpose, namely to recover, if it may be, the lost voices of the people by putting into their lips a large share of the devotions, and thus familiarizing them with the sound of their own voices upraised in prayer. It should be noted that the devotions are so arranged that the people may take their full part. Whenever united prayer is contemplated the devotion is carefully punctuated by colons to indicate the pauses necessary to secure orderly and well-timed recitation; and further, to secure also an united beginning by all, the initial words, to be first said by the Leader alone, are printed in small capitals.

The devotions here provided must not be regarded as relieving the Leader from the necessity for careful preparation. On the contrary, to him will belong the duty of selecting from a large amount of material a series of devotions suited to the occasion, needs and circumstances of the particular meeting.

But it is unnecessary to go further into detailed explanations here since full information as to the method of using the Manual is given in the appendix.

The compiler has drawn his material from

many and varied sources. In many cases its origin is indicated in a footnote added to the devotion. In other cases due acknowledgment is made in a note at the end of the volume.

While a book of this character must necessarily be limited in its contents, the devotions here gathered will probably suggest many others compiled in a like manner from the same sources. Psalter, Prayer Book, and Hymn Book have still their stores to yield, while the Gospels, Epistles, and many of the books of the Old Testament (not omitting the Apocrypha), if studied for the purpose, will also reveal prayers, lections, and acts of devotion well adapted to united use. Thus Leaders and Prayer Bands may gradually gather for themselves a store of devotions (to be added to this volume or used in its stead) which may prove of great value and profit to souls in their progress in the life of prayer.

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The widespread demand for this volume has necessitated the issue of a second edition. In this, various type errors have been corrected, devotion 57 iii. has been replaced by a missionary devotion for midday, six prayers (123a, 123b, 126a, 128a, 133a, 135a) have been added under the head of INTERCESSIONS, and the Psalter Table, 145, etc., has been omitted to make room for a Litany of Thanksgiving for the Saints (167a).

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G. R. B-W.

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Incentives to Prayer.

I FROM THE LIPS OF JESUS CHRIST.

I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. *Mk. xi. 24.*

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? *Matt. vii. 7-11.*

I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. *Matt. xviii. 19-20.*

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. *John xv. 7.*

Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. *John xiv. 13-14.*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name : ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. *John* xvi. 23-24.

2

FROM THE PSALMS.

Call upon me in the time of trouble : so will I hear thee and thou shalt praise me. 1. 15.

Whensoever I call upon Thee then shall mine enemies be put to flight : this I know, for God is on my side. lvi. 9.

I have called upon Thee O God, for thou shalt hear me : incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words. xvii. 6.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense : and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. cxli. 2.

I will cry unto God with my voice : even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me. lxxvii. 1.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord : and complain unto my God. xviii. 5.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee : for thou hearest me. lxxxvi. 7.

When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord : and he heard me. cxx. 1.

So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : and he delivered them from their distress. cvii. 6.

Lord thou hast heard the desire of the poor : thou preparest their heart, and thine ear hearkeneth thereto. x. 19.

Lo the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles. xxxiv. 6.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear. xxxiv. 4.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart : the Lord will not hear me. But God hath heard me : and considered the voice of my prayer. lxvi. 16.

Now know I that the Lord helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven : even with the wholesome strength of his right hand. xx. 6.

3 FROM THE PROPHETS.

For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live. *Amos* v. 4. 8.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. *Is.* lv. 6.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer ; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. *Is.* lviii. 9.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry ; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. *Is.* xxx. 19.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. *Is.* lxv. 24.

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. *Jer.* xxxiii. 3.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. *Jer.* xxix. 12, 13.

They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, it is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God. *Zech. xiii. 9.*

4

FROM THE EPISTLES.

Pray without ceasing. 1. *Thess. v. 17.*

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. *Eph. vi. 18.*

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. *Jude 20.*

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. *Rom. viii. 26.*

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer. *Rom. xii. 12.*

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. *Col. iv. 2.*

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. *Phil. iv. 6.*

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open unto their prayers. 1. *Pet. iii. 12.*

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. *James v. 16.*

Preparation for Prayer.

5

SILENCE.

Remember the value of silence as a preparation for prayer ; a quiet time for collecting thoughts ; for concentrating attention ; for lifting up the soul ; for preparing to enter the Audience Chamber of the King of Kings.

Remember also the value of intervals of silence during a time of united prayer ; for rest of body, mind and spirit ; and for renewal of recollectedness.

6

RECOLLECTION.

LET us remember the presence of God : and lift up our hearts

To God the Father : to whom we pray.

To God the Son : through whom we pray.

To God the Holy Spirit : in whom we pray.

7.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME, HOLY GHOST, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire ;
Thou the anointing SPIRIT art.
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight ;
Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of Thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home,
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the FATHER, SON,
And THEE, of Both, to be but ONE;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,
Praise to Thy Eternal merit,
FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT.

Ordinal.

COLLECTS.

8

i.

O LORD, WE BESEECH THEE: mercifully to hear us: and grant that we: to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray: may by Thy mighty aid: be defended and comforted: in all dangers and adversities: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

iii. aft. Trin.

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ii.

O GOD, OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH: who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech Thee: to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church: and grant that those things which we ask faithfully: we may obtain effectually: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

xxiii. aft. Trin.

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iii.

LET THY MERCIFUL EARS, O LORD: be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants: and that we may obtain our petitions: make us to ask such things as shall please Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

x. aft. Trin.

11

iv.

ALMIGHTY GOD : unto whom all hearts be open :
all desires known : and from whom no secrets
are hid : Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts : by
the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit : that we may
perfectly love Thee : and worthily magnify Thy
holy Name : through Christ our Lord : Amen.

Order of H.C.

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LITANY OF PREPARATION FOR PRAYER.

i.

O God the Father, who hearest prayer,
Help us, we beseech Thee.

O God the Son, who hast taught us to pray,
Help us, we beseech Thee.

O God the Holy Ghost, who inspirest our prayers,
Help us, we beseech Thee.

O Holy and Ever-Blessed Trinity, by whose image
in our soul we have power to lift up ourselves in
prayer,

Help us, we beseech Thee.

From all unbelief in the efficacy of prayer,
Deliver us, Good Lord.

From all misgivings as to the power of prayer,
Deliver us, Good Lord.

From all doubt in Thy answer to prayer,
Deliver us, Good Lord.

From slothfulness and carelessness in the duty of
prayer,

Deliver us, Good Lord.

From deadness and coldness in the hour of prayer,
Deliver us, Good Lord.

From inattentive and wandering thoughts,
Deliver us, Good Lord.

From an unforgiving spirit which may hinder our prayers,

Deliver us, Good Lord.

From lack of perseverance in prayer,

Deliver us, Good Lord.

From all sin which silences the voice of prayer,

Deliver us, Good Lord.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD: who art always more ready to hear than we to pray: and art wont to give more: than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy: forgiving us those things: whereof our conscience is afraid: and giving us those good things: which we are not worthy to ask: but through the merits and mediation: of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord: Amen.

xii. aft. Trin.

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LITANY OF PREPARATION FOR PRAYER.

ii.

O GOD the Father, Who hast endowed man with power to hold communion with Thee,
O GOD the Father, Who art the Giver of all good gifts,
O GOD the Father, Who art ever ready to hear the prayers of Thy children who call upon Thee,
O GOD the Son, Who hast redeemed fallen man and brought him back to God,
O GOD the Son, Who hast bidden us to pray, and taught us how to pray,
O GOD the Son, Who ever livest to make intercession for us,

Help us, we beseech Thee.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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O God the Holy Ghost, by whom we are new-born in baptism and made the children of God,
 O God the Holy Ghost, Who dost enrich our souls with the grace of prayer,
 O God the Holy Ghost, Who dost pray with us and in us,
 O Holy and Ever-Blessed Trinity,
Pardon our infirmities,
 O Holy and Ever-Blessed Trinity,
Help us to pray,
 O Holy and Ever-Blessed Trinity,
Hear us, when we call upon Thee.

Help us, we beseech Thee.

Let us pray.

+ O GOD, TEACH US TO PRAY: and teach us firmly to believe Thy Son's promise: that whatsoever we ask Thee in His Name: we shall receive. Hear us now: as we come to Thee: through the same Jesus Christ: our Mediator and Advocate: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

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i.

OUR FATHER: which art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done: in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses: As we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: Amen.

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ii.

OUR FATHER: which For Thine is the kingdom: the power: And the glory: for ever and ever: Amen.

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iii.

OUR FATHER: Which art in Heaven: Hallowed
 be Thy Name this day: Thy Kingdom come
 this day: Thy will be done, in earth as it is in
 heaven this day: Give us our daily bread this day:
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them
 that trespass against us this day: And lead us not
 into temptation, but deliver us from evil this day:
 Amen.

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iv.

OUR Father, which art in heaven,
 Hallowed be Thy name.
 Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Thy Kingdom come.
 Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Thy will be done as in heaven, so on earth.
 Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven
 our debtors.
 Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Bring us not into temptation.
 Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Deliver us from the Evil One: Amen.
Matt. iv.

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v.

OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hear us, we beseech Thee.
 Hallowed be Thy Name, in earth as it is in heaven,
We humbly pray Thee, O Father.
 Thy Kingdom come, in earth as it is in heaven,
We humbly pray Thee, O Father.
 Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven,
We humbly pray Thee, O Father.

Give us this day our daily bread,
We beseech Thee, O Father.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them
 that trespass against us,
We beseech Thee, O Father.
 And lead us not into temptation,
We beseech Thee, O Father.
 But deliver us from evil,
We beseech Thee, O Father.

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vi.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven,
Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 Hallowed be Thy name,
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 Thy kingdom come,
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 Thy will be done: In earth, as it is in heaven,
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them
 that trespass against us,
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
 from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 For ever and ever. *Amen.*

Penitence.

20

i.

OUR LORD, WE BESEECH THEE: favourably to hear
 the prayers of Thy people: that we, who are
 justly punished for our offences: may be mercifully
 delivered by Thy goodness: for the glory of Thy
 Name: through Jesus Christ our Saviour: who
 liveth and reigneth: with Thee and the Holy
 Ghost: ever one God: world without end: Amen.
Septuag.

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ii.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD: who hatest nothing that Thou hast made: and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us: new and contrite hearts: that we worthily lamenting our sins: and acknowledging our wretchedness: may obtain of Thee: the God of all mercy: perfect remission and forgiveness: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Ash Wed.

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iii.

GRANT, WE BESEECH THEE: merciful Lord: to Thy faithful people: pardon and peace: that they may be cleansed from all their sins: and serve Thee with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

xxi. after Trin.

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iv.

O LORD, WE BESEECH THEE: absolve Thy people from their offences: that through Thy bountiful goodness: we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins: which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father: for Jesus Christ's sake: our blessed Lord and Saviour: Amen.

xxiv. after Trin.

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v.

O GOD: whose nature and property: is ever to have mercy and to forgive: receive our humble petitions: and though we be tied and bound: with the chain of our sins: yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us: for the honour of Jesus Christ: our Mediator and Advocate: Amen.

B.C.P.

CONFESSION.

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i.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
Have mercy upon us.

We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like
 lost sheep,

Have mercy upon us.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
 of our own hearts,

Have mercy upon us.

We have offended against Thy holy laws,

Have mercy upon us.

We have left undone those things which we ought
 to have done,

Have mercy upon us.

And we have done those things which we ought
 not to have done, and there is no health in us,

Have mercy upon us.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable
 offenders,

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their
 faults, restore Thou them that are penitent,

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

According to Thy promises declared unto mankind
 in Christ Jesu, our Lord,

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

(All together.)

And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake:
 that we may hereafter live a godly: righteous:
 and sober life: to the glory of Thy holy name:
 Amen. B.C.P.

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ii.

WE CONFESS TO GOD ALMIGHTY: the Father:
 the Son: and the Holy Ghost: before the
 whole company of Heaven: that we have sinned

exceedingly : in thought : word : and deed :
 through our fault : our own fault : our own most
 grievous fault : Wherefore we pray God Almighty :
 the Father : the Son : and the Holy Ghost : to
 have mercy upon us : Amen.

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ii.

TURN THOU US, O Good Lord : and so shall we be
 turned : Be favourable, O Lord : Be favourable
 to thy people : Who turn to thee in weeping : fasting :
 and praying. For thou art a merciful God : Full
 of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity :
 Thou sparest when we deserve punishment : And in
 thy wrath thinkest upon mercy : Spare thy people,
 good Lord, spare them : And let not thine heritage
 be brought to confusion : Hear us, O Lord : for
 thy mercy is great : And after the multitude of thy
 mercies look upon us : Through the merits and
 mediation of thy blessed Son : Jesus Christ our
 Lord : Amen.

Communion Service.

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iii.

O MOST MIGHTY GOD : and merciful Father :
 who hast compassion upon all men : and
 hatest nothing that thou hast made : who wouldest
 not the death of a sinner : but that he should
 rather turn from his sin, and be saved : Mercifully
 forgive us our trespasses : receive and comfort us :
 who are grieved and wearied : with the burden of
 our sins : Thy property is always to have mercy :
 to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins : Spare
 us therefore, good Lord : spare thy people, whom
 thou hast redeemed : enter not into judgment with
 thy servants : who are vile earth, and miserable
 sinners : but so turn thine anger from us : who

meekly acknowledge our vileness: and truly repent us of our faults: and so make haste to help us in this world: that we may ever live with thee in the world to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Communion Service.

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iv.

FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH.

I BESEECH THEE: O Lord God of heaven: the great and terrible God: that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him: and observe his commandments:

Let thine ear now be attentive: and thine eyes open: that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant: which I pray before thee now: day and night: for thy servants: and confess the sins which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

We have dealt very corruptly against thee: and have not kept the commandments: nor the statutes: nor the judgments: which thou hast commanded.

O Lord: I beseech thee: let now thine ear be attentive: to the prayer of thy servant: and to the prayer of thy servants: who desire to fear thy name.

Neh. I.

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v.

FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

O LORD: the great and dreadful God: keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him: and to them that keep his commandments:

We have sinned: and have committed iniquity: and have done wickedly: and have rebelled: even by departing from thy precepts: and from thy judgments.

O Lord: to us belongeth confusion of face: because we have sinned against thee.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses: though we have rebelled against him:

Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God: to walk in his laws: which he set before us.

O MY GOD: incline thine ear, and hear: open thine eyes, and behold our desolations: for we do not present our supplications before thee: for our righteousnesses: but for thy great mercies.

O Lord, hear: O Lord, forgive: O Lord, hearken and do: defer not: for thine own sake: O my God: for we thy people: are called by thy name.

Dan. ix.

FROM THE PRAYER OF MANASSES.

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vi.

O LORD ALMIGHTY: that art in heaven: thou God of our fathers: who hast made heaven and earth: with all the ornament thereof. Who hast bound the sea: by the word of thy commandment: Whom all things fear: yea, tremble before thy power:

THOU, O LORD: according to thy great goodness: hast promised repentance and forgiveness: to them that have sinned against Thee: and of thine infinite mercies: hast appointed repentance unto sinners: that they may be saved. Thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea.

MY TRANSGRESSIONS ARE MULTIPLIED: and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven: for the multitude of mine iniquities. I am bowed down with many iron bands: that I cannot lift up mine head: by reason of my sins: neither

have I any respite: I have provoked thy wrath: and done that which is evil before thee:

NOW THEREFORE I bow the knee of mine heart: beseeching thee for grace: I have sinned, O Lord: I have sinned: and I acknowledge mine iniquities: But I humbly beseech Thee: forgive me, O Lord: forgive me: and destroy me not with mine iniquities. For Thou, O Lord, art the God of them that repent: and in me Thou wilt shew all Thy goodness: For Thou wilt save me, that am unworthy: according to Thy great mercy: And I will praise Thee for ever, all the days of my life: for all the host of heaven doth sing Thy praise: and Thine is the glory for ever and ever.

Apocrypha.

PARDON.

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i.

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SINNED: yet have we an Advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins. For He was wounded for our offences: and smitten for our wickedness.

LET US THEREFORE RETURN UNTO HIM: who is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners: assuring ourselves that He is ready to receive us: and most willing to pardon us: if we come unto Him with faithful repentance: if we submit ourselves unto Him: and from henceforth walk in His ways: if we will take His easy yoke and light burden upon us: to follow Him in lowliness: patience: and charity: and be ordered by the governance of His Holy Spirit: seeking always His glory: and serving Him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving.

THIS IF WE DO: Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law: and from the extreme malediction

which shall light upon them : that shall be set on the left hand : and He will set us on His right hand : and give us the gracious benediction of His Father : commanding us to take possession of His glorious kingdom : unto which He vouchsafe to bring us all : for His infinite mercy : Amen.

Commination Service.

LORD, WE BELIEVE: that Thou desirest not the death of a sinner: but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live.

WE BELIEVE: that Thou hast given power and commandment to Thy ministers: to declare and pronounce to Thy people, being penitent: the absolution and remission of their sins.

WE BELIEVE: that by this ministry: Thou dost pardon and absolve: all them that truly repent: and unfeignedly believe Thy holy Gospel.

WHEREFORE WE BESEECH THEE: to grant us true repentance and Thy Holy Spirit: that those things may please Thee: which we do at this present: and that the rest of our life hereafter: may be pure and holy: So that at the last we may come to Thine eternal joy: We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

B.C.P.

Let us call to mind what comfortable words our Saviour Christ says to all that truly turn to Him,

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matt. xi. 28.*

For this word we thank Thee, O Lord.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John iii. 16.*

For this word we thank Thee, O Lord.

Let us call to mind what S. Paul says,

THIS is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

For this word we thank Thee, O Lord.

Let us call to mind what S. John says,

IF any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John ii. 1.*

For this word we thank Thee, O Lord.

Order of H.C.

AN ACT OF DEPRECATION.

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(Bishop Andrewes.)

LOOK down, O Lord our God,
From Thy lofty dwelling place,
And from the throne of Thy Glory.
Thou who dwellest on high, and beholdest the
humble,

Look down upon us, and destroy us not:

Yea, rather deliver us from evil.

From all evil and misfortune,

Deliver us, O Lord.

As of old time Thou didst deliver our fathers,

Deliver us, O Lord.

By whatsoever is dear to Thee, or beloved by
Thee,

Deliver us, O Lord.

In all our straits,

Deliver us, O Lord.

From the evils of the future state,

Spare us, and deliver us.

From Thine anger,

Spare us, and deliver us.

From everlasting damnation,

Spare us, and deliver us.

From all the terrors of the life to come,

Spare us, and deliver us.

From the wrathful countenance of the Judge,

Spare us, and deliver us.

From being placed on the Left Hand,

Spare us, and deliver us.

From the hearing of that dreadful and terrible
voice, Depart from Me,

Spare us, and deliver us.

Let us pray.

WE HUMBLY BESEECH THEE, O FATHER: mercifully to look upon our infirmities: and for the glory of Thy name: turn from us all those evils: that we most righteously have deserved: and grant, that in all our troubles: we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy: and evermore serve Thee: in holiness and pureness of living: to Thy honour and glory: through our only Mediator and Advocate: Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Litany

Acts and other Devotions.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

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i.

I BELIEVE IN GOD: the Father Almighty: Maker
of heaven and earth:

AND IN JESUS CHRIST: His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost: Born of
the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate:
Was crucified: dead: and buried: He descended
into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead:
He ascended into heaven: And sitteth on the
right hand of God: the Father Almighty: From
thence He shall come to judge the quick, and
the dead.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST: The holy
Catholick Church: The Communion of Saints: The
Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body:
And the life everlasting: Amen.

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ii.

O GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of the
Father,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou Who wast conceived by the Holy Ghost, and
born of the Virgin Mary,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou who didst suffer under Pontius Pilate, wast
crucified, dead and buried, and didst descend
into hell,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou Who on the third day didst rise again from
the dead,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

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Thou Who didst ascend into heaven, and now art seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou Who wilt come again from heaven to judge both the living and the dead,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

O God the Holy Ghost,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou by Whose grace we have been brought into the fellowship of the Holy Catholic Church,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou by Whose grace we have our share in the Communion of Saints,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou by Whose grace we receive forgiveness of our sins,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

Thou by Whose grace we are made worthy to share in the resurrection of the dead, and in the life of the world to come,

I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee.

38 THE LESSER CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father.

Who made me and all the world.

I believe in God the Son.

Who has redeemed me and all mankind.

I believe in God the Holy Ghost.

Who sanctifies me and all the elect people of God.

I believe in the Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity.

Who is not one Person but three Persons, yet not three Gods but one God.

Glory be to the Father: and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning: is now: and ever shall be: world without end: Amen. .

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FROM THE CREED OF SAINT

39 ATHANASIUS.

WHOSOEVER of us will be saved: before all things it is necessary that we hold the Catholic Faith in which we were baptized.

Which Faith except we do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt we shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity: to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord;

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion: to say there be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none: neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other: none is greater, or less than another:

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together: and co-equal.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that we also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is that we believe and

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confess : that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man.

Who although he be God and Man : yet he is not two, but one Christ.

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh : but by taking of the Manhood into God ;

Who suffered for our salvation : descended into hell, rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sits on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty : from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies : and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting : and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith : which except we believe faithfully, we cannot be saved.

PROFESSION.

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WE believe that Thou hast created us,

Despise not the work of Thine own hands.

That Thou madest us after Thine image and likeness,

Suffer not Thy likeness to be blotted out.

That Thou hast redeemed us in Thy blood,

Suffer not the cost of that redemption to perish.

That Thou hast called us Christian after Thy name,

Disdain not Thine own title.

That Thou hast hallowed us in regeneration,

Destroy not Thy holy work.

That Thou hast grafted us into the good olive tree, and made us members of a mystical body,

As the members of Thy mystical body, cut us not off.

¶ O think upon Thy servant as concerning Thy word,

℞ *Wherein Thou hast caused me to put my trust.*

¶ My soul hath longed for Thy salvation,

℞ *And I have good hope because of Thy word.*

41 ACT OF FAITH.

I BELIEVE: O Lord Jesus Christ, that in Thee I have been born again: to be a Child of God: and that Thou hast given me Thy life.

I believe that though I have fallen many a time since: yet Thou hast sought me and recovered me: and made me repent: and hast smiled upon me.

I believe that Thou art able and willing: to give me Thyself more abundantly.

I believe that I can do all things, through Thee: if Thou wilt strengthen me.

I believe that none ever looked to Thee and were confounded: or called on Thy Name, and were forsaken.

I believe that Thou hast called me by name: and hast led me out: and that when Thou puttest me forth anywhere: Thou wilt not forsake me.

I believe that Thou art a merciful and faithful High Priest: to approach God on my behalf, to make reconciliation for my sins.

I believe that as far as the east is from the west: so far hast Thou removed my transgressions from me: that like as a father pitieth his children: so Thou pitiest me.

I believe that in all my affliction: Thou art afflicted.

I believe that Thou wilt not suffer me to be tempted: above that I am able to bear.

I believe that Thou wilt strengthen me for my

special work: as Thou didst Thy servants in old times, Moses, Gideon, Samson, Elijah and Jeremiah.

I believe that with Thee all things are possible: even to make me perfect.

I believe that the Holy Ghost is within me: pleading with me, ready to convince me of sin: I believe that Thou art now interceding for me.

I believe that my whole life and every event in it: is ordered by Thy most loving providence: to draw me to Thee: to make me flee to Thee: and abide in Thee.

I believe that Thou art most unwilling: that I should perish: but art full of compassion and long-suffering towards me: that I may come to repentance, and be forgiven.

I believe that there is joy in heaven over me: as I repent.

Lord, I know Thou lovest me.

Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

Lord, increase my faith.

I will gird myself and serve Thee.

Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?

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OF FAITH.

MY GOD I BELIEVE IN THEE: and all Thy Church doth teach: because Thou hast said it: and Thy word is true.

OF HOPE.

MY GOD I HOPE IN THEE: for grace and for glory: because of Thy promises: Thy mercy: and Thy power:

OF CHARITY.

MY GOD BECAUSE THOU ART SO GOOD: I love Thee with all my heart: and for Thy sake I love my neighbour as myself.

OF SELF SURRENDER.

MY GOD: because Thou hast called me into life: in order that I may fill a place: and do a work specially designed for me: I therefore give myself to Thee: in body: soul: and spirit: to fulfil Thy purpose: and to do Thy will.

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OF FAITH.

O MY GOD: I believe that thou art one God in three persons: the Father: the Son: and the Holy Ghost: And I believe that God the Son was made man: and died for me upon the cross: And I believe all the truths which thou hast revealed to thy Church: and in thy Word: for thou canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

OF HOPE.

O MY GOD: relying upon thy infinite power and mercy: and the precious blood of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: I hope to obtain the forgiveness of my sins: and everlasting life: And I resolve, by thy grace: to perform all that thou hast revealed to me of thy holy will.

OF LOVE.

O MY GOD: because thou art of infinite goodness: and most worthy of all love: I desire to love thee with my whole heart: and above all things: And for thy sake to love my neighbour as myself.

OF DEVOTION.

O MY GOD: I am not my own: but Thine: take me for thine own: and make me in all things to do Thy holy will. O my God, I give myself to Thee: for joy or for sorrow: for sickness or for health: for life or for death: for time and for eternity: Make me, and keep me Thine: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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THE SEVENFOLD "I AM" OF JESUS.

JESUS SAID, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
St. John viii. 12.

O Jesus: light of the world: send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me: and bring me to thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.
Ps. lxiii. 3.

JESUS SAID, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
St. John xiv. 6.

O Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life: shew me the path of life: and lead me in the way everlasting.
Ps. xvi. 12.

JESUS SAID, I AM THE DOOR.
St. John x. 9.

O Jesus: door of the sheepfold: by Thee may we enter in, and be saved.
St. John x. 9

JESUS SAID, I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
St. John x. 11.

O Jesus: Good Shepherd: feed us in the green pasture: and lead us forth beside the waters of comfort.
Ps. xxiii. 2.

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JESUS SAID, I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.

St. John vi. 48.

O Jesus: Bread of life, which came down from heaven: we desire to eat of this bread: and live for ever.

St. John vi. 51.

JESUS SAID, I AM THE TRUE VINE.

St. John xv. 1.

O Jesus: Thou art the Vine, we are the branches: abiding in Thee and thou in us: we will bear much fruit: so shall we be thy disciples.

St. John xv. 5-8.

JESUS SAID, I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

St. John xi. 25.

O Jesus: the resurrection and the life: if we believe in Thee, though we were dead yet shall we live: and living and believing in Thee, we shall never die.

St. John xi. 25-26.

45 THE BEATITUDES.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

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Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see
God.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be
called the children of God.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteous-
ness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Grant us this grace, O Lord: and write these
words in our hearts, we beseech Thee.*

46 REMEMBRANCE.

LET US CALL TO REMEMBRANCE THAT THIS AND
EVERY DAY WE HAVE

GOD to glorify.
Jesus to imitate.

A soul to save.

A body to mortify.

Sins to repent of.

Virtues to acquire.

Hell to avoid.

Heaven to gain.

Eternity to prepare for.

Time to profit by.

Neighbours to edify.

The world to despise.

Devils to combat.

Passions to subdue.

Death, perhaps, to suffer.

Judgment to undergo.

47 GRACE AND SERVICE.

WE BELIEVE AND THANK GOD:

That in our baptism: we have received
spiritual life,

That in our Confirmation: we have received
spiritual strength.

That in Holy Communion : we receive spiritual nourishment.

That in absolution : we receive spiritual healing.

WE BELIEVE AND PROFESS : that thus restored, strengthened, healed and nourished :

We are daily called : to live for Christ.

We are daily called : to witness for Christ.

We are daily called : to do service for Christ.

We are daily called : to bear suffering for Christ.

We are daily called : to rejoice in Christ.

We may be called : to die for Christ.

We shall hereafter be called : to reign with Christ.

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THANKS be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits which Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults which Thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
And follow Thee more nearly.

St. Richard of Chichester.

49 OUR DUTY TOWARDS GOD.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,

℞ And I shall keep it unto the end,

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law,

℞ Yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Let us renew our allegiance and devotion to God.

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I BELIEVE in Thee, O God,
*With all my mind, with all my soul, and with
all my strength.*

I fear Thee, O God,
*With all my mind, with all my soul, and with
all my strength.*

I love Thee, O God,
*With all my mind, with all my soul, and with
all my strength.*

I will worship Thee,
By Thy help, O God.

I will give Thee thanks,
By Thy help, O God.

I will put my whole trust in Thee,
By Thy help, O God.

I will call upon Thee,
By Thy help, O God.

I will honour Thy holy Name and Thy Word,
By Thy help, O God.

I will serve Thee truly all the days of my life,
By Thy help, O God.

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Let us pray.

O GOD: for as much as without Thee: we are not
able to please Thee: mercifully grant: that
Thy Holy Spirit: may in this purpose direct and
rule our hearts: through Jesus Christ our Lord:
Amen.

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OUR DUTY TOWARDS OUR NEIGHBOUR.

ALMIGHTY GOD: grant us grace that we may
fulfil our duty towards our neighbour: by
loving others as ourselves: and doing to all men
as we would they should do unto us:

THAT WE MAY LOVE: honour, and succour our parents: may honour and obey the king: and all that are put in authority under him: may submit ourselves to all our governours: teachers: spiritual pastors: and masters: may order ourselves lowly and reverently: to all our betters:

THAT WE MAY HURT NOBODY: by word nor deed: may be true and just in all our dealings: may bear no malice nor hatred in our hearts:

THAT WE MAY KEEP OUR HANDS: from picking and stealing: and our tongue from evil-speaking: lying: and slandering:

THAT WE MAY KEEP OUR BODIES: in temperance: soberness: and chastity: That we may not covet nor desire other men's goods: but learn and labour truly: to get our own living; and do our duty in that state of life: unto which it shall please Thee to call us. All this we ask: for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

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51 THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

LOVE.—Unselfishness of heart.

JOY.—The happiness which characterizes the Christian life.

PEACE.—Peace in the heart; peace with God; peace with our fellow men.

LONG-SUFFERING.—Patience under vexation and injury.

GENTLENESS.—A kindly disposition to all around us.

GOODNESS.—Activity in doing good to others.

FAITH.—Faithfulness and trustworthiness.

MEEKNESS.—An unruffled temper, and a humble compliance with the will of others.

TEMPERANCE.—Self-mastery and self-control.

34 PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS GRACES.

Let us pray for the fruit of the Spirit, saying after each petition :

O Holy Spirit, hear us, we beseech Thee.

O Holy Spirit, mercifully receive our supplications and grant that we may show forth in our lives the grace of Love,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Joy,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Peace,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Long-suffering,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Gentleness,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Goodness,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Faith,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Meekness,

That we may show forth in our lives the grace of Temperance.

Prayers for various Graces.

“ There is nothing in the whole range of God’s creation which is capable of attaining a more perfect beauty, or of exhibiting a more heavenly and sublime fertility of good fruits and noble deeds, than the human heart.”

52 1. FOR GRACE TO DO GOD’S WILL.

GIVE ME, O LORD: the grace to search after the things that please Thee: to find them, and to do them: to the glory of Thy holy Name: for Jesus’ sake: Amen.

2. FOR THE FEAR OF GOD.

O MOST MIGHTY GOD: grant me, I pray Thee: Thy Holy Spirit: that I may seek Thee with my whole heart: and serve Thee with reverence and godly fear: for Jesus Christ's sake: Amen.

3. FOR FAITH.

GIVE ME, O LORD MY GOD: a firm and living faith in Thee: that I may believe all that Thou teachest: in the Holy Scriptures: and in Thy holy Church: for Jesus' sake: Amen.

4. FOR HOPE.

O MERCIFUL GOD: who hast set before us: the promise of so many good things: grant that we may hope in Thee to the end: until our hope shall be lost in sight: for Jesus' sake: Amen.

5. FOR THE LOVE OF GOD AND MAN.

ALMIGHTY GOD: Who Thyself art Love: fill me with the Spirit of Thy holy love: that, my heart being kindled by Thee: I may love Thee for ever and ever: and may love all men: in Thee and for Thee: according to Thy will: for the sake of Jesus Christ: Amen.

6. FOR REPENTANCE.

O BLESSED JESUS: give me a true repentance for all my sins: that I may with real sorrow confess them: and by Thy grace forsake all that is evil: Amen.

7. FOR PERSEVERANCE.

O GOD: who hast promised: that they only who endure to the end shall be saved: give me grace to persevere in Thy holy service: all my days: that I may reach the end of my faith: even the salvation of my soul: for Jesus' sake: Amen.

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8. FOR PATIENCE.

GIVE ME GRACE : O holy Jesus : to be meek and patient as Thou wast : that I may gently bear with the faults of others : and strive always to root out my own : Amen.

9. FOR SELF-DENIAL.

HELP ME, LORD JESUS : to take up my cross daily : and to deny myself : that, forsaking the empty pleasures of the world : I may be Thy disciple of a truth : Amen.

10. FOR THE IMITATION OF CHRIST.

STIR UP MY HEART AND WILL : O Lord Jesus : to follow the steps of Thy most holy life : that, striving to become more like Thee in this world : I may live with Thee for ever : in the world to come : Amen.

11. FOR PRAYERFULNESS.

O GOD THE HOLY GHOST : Who dwellest in our hearts : help me, I beseech Thee : to ask for such things as are pleasing to Thee : and to pray with all the powers : of my soul and body : that my prayers may be heard : and my desires obtained : for Jesus' sake : Amen.

12. FOR WATCHFULNESS.

O MOST BLESSED JESUS : Who hast commanded us all to watch : give me Thy Holy Spirit : that I may watch over my heart at all times. And whenever Thou shalt call : grant that I may be found ready to meet Thee : Amen.

13. FOR CONTENTMENT.

O GOD : Who hast taught us : that our life is more than meat : and our body than raiment : teach us also to be content : with such things as

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Thou hast given us : and to seek in Thee that godliness : which, with contentment, is great gain : for Jesus' sake : Amen.

14. FOR DILIGENCE.

O ALMIGHTY GOD : Whose will it is that none should be idle : give me, I pray Thee : a diligent spirit : that whatever I find to do : I may do with all my might : to Thy honour and glory : for the sake of Jesus Christ : Amen.

15. FOR TEMPERANCE.

O BLESSED JESUS : Whose kingdom is not meat and drink : but joy and peace in the Holy Ghost : help me by Thy Spirit : to use with temperance : what Thou hast given me to enjoy : that I may not offend Thee thereby : Amen.

16. FOR PURITY.

O ALMIGHTY GOD : Who hast taught us : that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost : Who dwells in our hearts : give me grace to fly from all impurity : both of mind and body : Let the hope of heaven : and the joys of eternity : withdraw my heart from all unholy thoughts : that I may enjoy that peace : which is the fruit of holiness here : and may hereafter receive : the full reward of the pure in heart : which is to see Thee, O blessed Lord, for ever and ever : for Jesus' sake : Amen.

17. FOR TRUTHFULNESS.

O LORD : Thou God of Truth : give me, I pray : a sincere and fearless mind : that, unmoved either by vanity : shame : or any evil intent : I may put away lying from my mouth : and abhor every deceit of will or deed : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

18. FOR HUMILITY.

O God : Who givest grace to the humble : drive far from me the evil spirit of pride : and daily increase in me the likeness of Thy meek and lowly Son : our Saviour Jesus Christ : Amen.

19. FOR OBEDIENCE.

O LORD JESUS : By the memory of those thirty years : of Thy hidden life of subjection : in the cottage home of Nazareth : help me to obey gladly : all those whom Thou hast set over me. Amen.

20. GENERAL.

GIVE ME, O BLESSED JESUS : a wakeful heart : which no curious imaginations may withdraw from Thee : Give me a steadfast heart : which no unworthy affection may drag downwards : Give me an unconquered heart : which no tribulation can wear out : Give me a free and disengaged heart : which the violence of no absorbing fascination may enslave : Give me an upright heart : which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside : Amen.

FOR GRACE.

(*Bp. Andrewes.*)

MAY THY STRONG HAND, O LORD : be ever my defence :

Thy mercy in Christ my salvation :

Thy all-veritable word, my instructor :

Thy grace of Thy life-bringing Spirit, my consolation : all along, and at last.

The Soul of Christ hallow me :

And the Body strengthen me :

And the Blood ransom me :

And the Water wash me :

And the Bruises heal me :

And the Wound hide me :
The peace of God which passeth all understanding :
keep our heart and thoughts : in the knowledge
and the love of God : Amen.

54 PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

LORD, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

℣ Be favourable unto us,
℟ *Spare us, good Lord.*

From an unprepared-for death,
From the pains of hell,
From the power of the devil,
By Thine holy Incarnation,
By Thy bitter Passion and Death,
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost,
By the intercessions of Thy Saints,
In the hour of death, and in
the Day of Judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

℣ Cast me not away in the time of age,
℟ *Forsake me not when my strength faileth.*
℣ Lighten mine eyes, O Lord,
℟ *That I sleep not in death.*
℣ Let me die the death of the righteous,
℟ *Let my last end be like his.*
℣ Lord, hear my prayer,
℟ *And let my cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

O GOD OF MERCY : strengthen us Thy servants :
with Thy heavenly grace : that at the hour of
our death : the enemy may not prevail against us :
and that we may be counted worthy : to be carried
by the Angels into everlasting life : Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST TENDER GOD: Who broughtest a fountain of living water out of the rock: for Thy thirsting people: bring forth from the hardness of our hearts: the tears of true repentance: that we may worthily bewail our offences: and be deemed meet, by Thy mercy: to receive remission of all our sins: through Christ our Lord: Amen.

Hours of Prayer.

55

Six o'clock.

i.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST: Son of the living God: Who at the First hour of the day: wast brought before Pontius Pilate. Thou Who: the Judge of all men: didst yet endure the severest doom: we beseech Thee by that judgment: to be merciful to us miserable sinners: when at the last dreadful day we stand before Thee: Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever: Amen.

ii.

O LORD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER: Almighty and Everlasting God: Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with Thy mighty power: and grant that this day, we fall into no sin: neither run into any kind of danger: but that all our doings: may be ordered by Thy governance: to do always that is righteous in Thy sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

56

Nine o'clock.

i.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST: Son of the living God: Who at the third hour of the day: wast led forth to the pain of the Cross: for the Salvation of

the world : we humbly beseech Thee : that by the virtue of Thy most sacred Passion : Thou wouldst blot out all our sins : and mercifully bring us to that eternal glory : where Thou livest and reignest God : world without end : Amen.

ii.

O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER : we humbly beseech Thy Divine Majesty : that as Thou didst strengthen Thine Apostles at the third hour : by the visitation of Thy Holy Spirit : so Thou wilt deign to enlighten and guard : our hearts and bodies by His coming : through the merits of Jesus Christ : our Saviour : Who liveth and reigneth with Thee : in the unity of the same Blessed Spirit : one God world without end : Amen.

57

Noon.

i.

O MOST GRACIOUS JESUS : our Lord and our God : Who, as at this hour : didst bear our sins in Thine own Body on the Tree : that we being dead to sin : might live unto righteousness : have mercy upon us : we beseech Thee : both now and at the hour of our death : and grant unto us, Thy humble servants : with all other Christian people : who have this Thy blessed Passion in devout remembrance : a godly and peaceful life in this present world : and through Thy grace : eternal glory in the life to come : where with the Father and the Holy Ghost : Thou livest and reignest : ever one God, world without end : Amen.

ii.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST : Son of the living God : Who at the sixth hour of the day : didst with great tumult : ascend, on Golgotha, the Cross of pain : whereon thirsting for our Salvation : Thou

didst permit gall and vinegar: to be given Thee to drink: we Thy suppliants beseech Thee: that Thou wouldst kindle and inflame our hearts: with the love of Thy Passion: and make us continually to find our delight in Thee alone: our crucified Lord: Who livest and reignest God: world without end: Amen.

iii.

"At mid-day, O King, I saw a light above the brightness of the sun."

ALmighty SAVIOUR: who at mid-day: didst call Thy servant St. Paul: to be an apostle to the Gentiles: we beseech Thee: illumine the world: with the radiance of Thy glory: that all nations: may come and worship Thee: Who art with the Father: and the Holy Ghost: one God: world without end: Amen.

58

Three o'clock.

i.

HEAR US, O LORD: and remember now the hour: in which thou didst commend Thy blessed Spirit: into the hands of Thy heavenly Father: when with a torn body and a broken heart: Thou didst show forth Thy mercy: by dying to deliver us from eternal death: And so assist us by that Thy most precious death: that, dying unto the world: we may live unto Thee: and that at the hour of our departing from this mortal life: we may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom: there to reign with Thee: world without end: Amen.

ii

O LORD JESUS CHRIST: Son of the living God: Who at the ninth hour of the day: with hands extended on the Cross: and Thine head bowed in

death : didst deliver up Thy Spirit unto God the Father : and didst by the key of Thy death : unlock the door of Heaven : Grant to us Thy suppliants : that in the hour of death : our souls may rise to Thee, Who art the true Paradise : Who livest and reignest God : world without end : Amen.

iii.

REMEMBER NOW, O LORD : the hour in which Thou didst commend Thy blessed Spirit : into the hands of Thy Father : and by Thy precious death : have mercy upon all sick and dying persons : Suffer them not in their last hour to fall from Thee : but grant that through the grave, and gate of death : they may pass to a joyful resurrection : through Thy merits : Who hast died and wast buried : and didst rise again for us : Amen.

59

Night Hour.

i.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST : Son of the living God : Who at this hour didst rest in the Sepulchre : and didst thereby sanctify the grave : to be a bed of hope to Thy people : make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins : which were the cause of Thy Passion : that when our bodies lie in the dust : our souls may live with Thee : Who livest and reignest : with the Father and the Holy Ghost : ever one God : world without end : Amen.

ii.

LOOK DOWN, O LORD : from Thy Heavenly Throne : illuminate the darkness of th's night : with Thy celestial brightness : and from the sons of Light : banish the deeds of darkness : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

iii.

BE PRESENT, O MERCIFUL GOD: and protect us through the silent hours of this night: so that we who are fatigued: by the changes and chances of this fleeting world: may repose upon Thy eternal changelessness: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

The Church's Seasons.

(See also the Litanies at the end of the Manual.)

60

ADVENT.

i.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER: Source of all being: Fountain of light and salvation: we adore Thy infinite goodness: in sending Thy only-begotten Son into the world: that, believing in Him we may not perish: but have everlasting life: And we pray Thee: that, through the power and grace of His first Advent to save the world: we may be made ready to meet Him: at His second Advent to judge the world: through the same Thy Son: Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

ii.

ALMIGHTY GOD: give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness: and put upon us the armour of light: now in the time of this mortal life: in which Thy Son Jesus Christ: came to visit us in great humility: that in the last day: when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty: to judge both the quick and dead: we may rise to the life immortal: through Him, Who liveth and reigneth: with Thee and the Holy Ghost: now and ever: Amen.

61

CHRISTMAS.

i.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: we offer unto Thee our praises and thanksgivings: because thou didst give Jesus Christ: Thine only Son: to be born as at this time for us: Who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man: of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin: to make us clean from all sin.

℟ Therefore we laud and magnify Thy Glorious Name.

ii.

UNTO us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

℟ And His Name shall be called Wonderful: Counsellor: the Mighty God: the Everlasting Father: the Prince of Peace.

Blessed Jesus, True God and True Man, born in the form of a helpless infant;

Praise and glory be to Thee, for ever.

Blessed Jesus, Who, having the heavens for Thy throne, didst yet choose a stable for Thine abode;

Praise and glory be to Thee, for ever.

Blessed Jesus, Who, although God Almighty, wast pleased, from love to us, to be wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger;

Praise and glory be to Thee, for ever.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord God of Israel, for Thou hast visited and redeemed Thy people;

Praise and glory be to Thee, for ever.

62

NEW YEAR.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD: who hast graciously preserved us: during the year which is past: help us, we entreat Thee: to serve Thee henceforth: with all our heart: and mind: and soul: and strength: Watch over us with Thy Divine providence: and, whether we live or whether we die: may we evermore be Thine: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Amen.

63

EPIPHANY.

O GOD: Who by the leading of a star: didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant: that we which know Thee now by faith: may after this life: have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

64

LENT.

i.

ALmighty and EVERLASTING GOD: Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made: and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us: new and contrite hearts: that we, worthily lamenting our sins: and acknowledging our wretchedness: may obtain of Thee: the God of all mercy: perfect remission and forgiveness: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

ii.

O HEAVENLY FATHER: Whose dearly beloved Son has taught us: that whosoever will be His disciple: must take up His Cross and follow Him: help us with willing hearts: to bear the cross of self-denial: that, mortifying the flesh: with its affections and lusts: we may be strong to resist temptation: and to walk in the narrow way: which leadeth unto life eternal: through the same Thy Son: Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

65

HOLY WEEK.

i.

O MOST MERCIFUL FATHER: we humbly thank Thee for all Thy mercies: both spiritual and temporal: but, above all: for the most blessed Sacrifice of thy dear Son upon the Cross: Give us a living faith in our Redeemer: and a thankful remembrance of His death: Help us to love Him better: for His exceeding love to us: And may we learn to glory in nothing: save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom the world is crucified unto us: and we unto the world: through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour: Amen.

ii.

O MERCIFUL JESU: who didst bear Thy Cross for us: help us to take up our cross daily and follow Thee. Amen.

O THOU: who wast lifted up for us: draw us unto Thee: that we may love Thee better for Thy great love to us. Lord, we love Thee: help Thou our want of love. Amen.

O HEAVENLY FATHER: make us to bear in our body the marks of the Lord Jesus: by a pure and holy and chastened life. Amen.

O SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD: who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us and help us: we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

See also Devotion No. 78.

66

EASTER.

i.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: we praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb: which was offered for us: and hath taken away the sin of

the world. Who by His death hath destroyed death : and by His rising to life again : hath restored to us everlasting life.

¶ Therefore we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name.

ii.

O GOD : who for our redemption : didst give Thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross : and by His glorious Resurrection : hast delivered us from the power of our enemy : grant us so to die daily from sin : that we may evermore live with Him : in the joy of His Resurrection : through the same Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

iii.

WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD : for all Thy mercies to us : both spiritual and temporal : But chiefly do we magnify Thy holy Name : for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ from the dead : whereby Thou hast delivered us from the power of darkness : and translated us into the kingdom of Thy dear Son : Grant, we humbly pray Thee : that as by His death He hath recalled us to life : so He may raise us up in His love to joys eternal : through the same Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

iv.

ALMIGHTY GOD : who through Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ : hast overcome death : and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life : We humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us : Thou dost put into our minds good desires : so by Thy continual help : we may bring the same to good effect : through Jesus Christ our Lord : who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God : world without end : Amen.

67

ASCENSIONTIDE.

i.

WE OFFER UNTO THEE: O Almighty God: our worship and praise: through Thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after His most glorious Resurrection: manifestly appeared to all His Apostles: and in their sight ascended up into heaven: to prepare a place for us; that where He is: thither we might also ascend: and reign with Him in glory.

℟ Therefore we laud and magnify Thy Glorious Name.

ii.

O LORD JESU CHRIST: Who, having fulfilled all things here below: didst gloriously ascend up to the heaven: whence Thou camest: and Who wilt so come again in like manner: as Thou didst go up into heaven: Help Thy servants to be ever watching for Thy glorious appearing: and do Thou so lift our hearts above: that our life may evermore be hid with Thee in God: Grant this, O glorified Saviour: who livest and reignest in the unity of the Divine Majesty: world without end: Amen.

iii.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who after Thy Resurrection from the dead: didst gloriously ascend into heaven: grant us the aid of Thy loving-kindness: that, according to Thy promise: Thou mayest ever dwell with us on earth: and we with Thee in heaven: where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost: Thou livest and reignest: one God for ever and ever: Amen.

68

WHITSUNTIDE.

i.

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD: we worship Thee, O God: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: according to whose most true promise: the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven: with a sudden great sound: as it had been a mighty wind: in the likeness of fiery tongues: lighting upon the Apostles: to teach them: and to lead them to all truth: giving them both the gift of divers languages: and also boldness with fervent zeal: constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations: whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error: into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee: and of Thy Son Jesus Christ.

*R/ Therefore we laud and magnify Thy
Glorious Name.*

ii.

O HOLY SPIRIT: Who according to the promise of our Lord: didst descend upon His Church: and dost abide within it for evermore: increase, we beseech Thee: Thy manifold gifts of grace in our hearts: and guide us continually by Thy holy inspiration: that we may ever glorify Thee: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

iii.

O LORD AND HEAVENLY FATHER: we most heartily thank Thee: for the unspeakable mercy: which we commemorate at this time: in the gift of the Holy Ghost the Comforter: by whose blessed assistance: we can alone render unto Thee acceptable service: May He sanctify our hearts: and enlighten our understandings: may our bodies be meet temples for His indwelling

presence: and may we never quench the Spirit: nor resist His holy influence: but do Thou, O Lord, sanctify us wholly: that our whole spirit, and soul, and body: may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: through the same: our only Mediator and Redeemer: Amen.

69

TRINITYTIDE.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: Thou art one God: one Lord; not one only Person: but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father: the same we believe of the Son: and of the Holy Ghost: without any difference or inequality.

℞ Therefore we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name.

70

EMBERTIDE.

i.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father: Who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church: by the precious blood of Thy dear Son: Mercifully look upon the same: and at this time: so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants: the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock: that they may lay hands suddenly on no man: but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons: to serve in the sacred Ministry of Thy Church: And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function: give Thy grace and heavenly benediction: that both by their life, and doctrine: they may set forth Thy glory: and set forward the salvation of all men: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

ii.

ALMIGHTY GOD: the Giver of all good gifts: Who of Thy divine providence: hast appointed divers Orders in Thy Church: Give Thy grace,

we humbly beseech Thee: to all those who are to be called: to any office and administration in the same: and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine: and endue them with innocency of life: that they may faithfully serve before Thee: to the glory of Thy great Name: and the benefit of Thy holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

71 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD: pour Thy grace into our hearts: that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ: by the message of an angel: so by His Cross and Passion: we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

72 ST. MICHAEL.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: who hast uplifted Thy faithful Michael: to be a prince of angels: and succourer of men: and a champion against the powers of darkness: Give unto us such grace, we beseech Thee: that by his assistance: we may rightly discern: and boldly contend: against spiritual wickedness: faithfully fulfil our ministry to all men: and find our chief delight in the worship of Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord: who with Thee and the Holy Ghost: ever liveth and reigneth: One God, world without end: Amen.

73 THE HOLY ANGELS.

i.

WE THANK THEE, O GOD: for the guardian care of Thy holy Angels. Grant that being refreshed: through their protection and ministry: we may serve Thee on earth: as they serve Thee

in heaven: and may rejoice in their eternal companionship hereafter: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

ii.

O GOD: Who art pleased to execute Thy mercies: through the ministries of Thy holy Angels: we bless Thee for their love and care: in continually succouring and defending us: and we humbly pray: that we may ever be united with them: in serving and praising Thee here on earth: and at last be joined with them: in the endless joy of serving and praising Thee in heaven: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

iii.

GRACIOUSLY HEAR US: O Lord, Holy Father: Almighty, everlasting God: and may it please Thee: to send Thy holy Angel from heaven: to keep: cherish: guard: visit: and defend: all who call upon Thy Name: through Christ our Lord: Amen.

74

ST. GEORGE.

O LORD GOD OF HOSTS: Who didst give grace to Thy servant George: to lay aside the fear of men: and to confess Thee even unto death: Grant that we, and all our countrymen: who bear office in the world: may think lightly of earthly place and honour: and seek rather to please the Captain of our salvation: who hast chosen us to be His soldiers: to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost: be thanks and praise: from all the armies of Thy saints: now and for evermore: Amen.

75

ALL HALLOWSTIDE.

LORD JESUS: King of Saints: who hast manifested Thy wonderful love and power: in the lives and deaths of Thy redeemed: and holy men of old:

Grant that we too: may have grace to glorify Thee: loving Thee whom they have loved: and finding Thee whom they have found: and may dwell with Thee for ever: as they live in the gladness of Thy glorious presence: Amen.

76

FOR AN APOSTLE.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: who didst endue the holy Apostle St. — with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost: Leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts: nor yet of grace to use them alway: to Thy honour and glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

77

FOR A SAINT.

WE GIVE THEE THANKS: O Lord our God: and praise Thy glorious Name: for all the graces and virtues: which Thou hast wrought in Thy saints: (especially in —: whom Thy Church this day commemorates): Give us grace: that we may so celebrate their memories: and imitate their good examples: that we may be united with them for ever in Thy kingdom: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

The Way of the Cross.

78 According to the Gospel Narrative.

i.

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

And Pilate, wishing to content the multitude, released unto them Barabbas, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. *S. Mark xv. 15.*

Then released he unto them Barabbas: but Jesus he scourged and delivered to be crucified. *S. Matt.* xxvii. 26.

And Pilate gave sentence that what they asked for should be done. And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will. *S. Luke* xxiii. 24-25.

Then therefore he delivered him unto them to be crucified. *S. John* xix. 16.

Silence.

Let us pray.

It was for us: that Thou didst suffer: O Blessed JESUS: it was for our sins: that Thou wast condemned to die: O grant that we may detest them: from the bottom of our hearts: and by this repentance: obtain Thy mercy and pardon.

ii.

THE CROSS IS LAID UPON JESUS.

They took Jesus therefore; and he went out bearing the cross for himself. *S. John* xix. 17.

Silence.

Let us pray.

O JESUS: grant us, by the virtue of Thy Cross: to bear with patience: the difficulties of our lives: and to be ready to take up our cross daily: and follow Thee.

iii.

THE CROSS IS LAID UPON SIMON OF CYRENE.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they compelled to go with them, that he might bear his cross. *S. Matt.* xxvii. 32.

And they compelled one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, that he might bear his cross. *S. Mark xv. 21.*

And when they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to bear it after Jesus. *S. Luke xxiii. 26.*

Silence.

Let us pray.

O JESUS: may it be our privilege: also to bear Thy Cross: may we glory in nothing else: by it may we be crucified unto the world: and the world unto us: may we never shrink from trials: but rather rejoice: if we should be counted worthy: to suffer for Thy Name's sake.

iv.

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM.

And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts that never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry? *S. Luke xxiii. 28-31.*

Silence.

Let us pray.

O JESUS: we weep for the offences: we have committed against Thee: and for the sufferings: we have caused Thee: Teach us so to mourn: that we may be comforted: and may escape those dreadful judgments: which are prepared for all who shall reject: or neglect Thee in this life.

V.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots: and they sat and watched him there. *S. Matt. xxvii. 35-36.*

And they crucify him, and part his garments among them, casting lots upon them, what each should take. *S. Mark xv. 24.*

And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And parting his garments among them, they cast lots. *S. Luke xxiii. 34.*

The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore one to another, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be. *S. John xix. 23-24.*

Silence.

Let us pray.

O JESUS: Who didst endure such shame: and humiliation: for our most shameful deeds: grant us grace to mourn: with deep penitence: for all our foul and unclean thoughts: and words and deeds: with which we have wounded Thee in the past: that we may escape everlasting disgrace: in the life to come.

vi.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

Then are there crucified with him two robbers, one on the right hand, and one on the left. *S. Matt. xxvii. 38.*

And with him they crucify two robbers; one on his right hand, and one on his left. *S. Mark xv. 27.*

And when they had come unto the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. *S. Luke xxiii. 33.*

And he went out bearing the cross for himself, unto the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. *S. John xix. 17-18.*

Silence.

Let us pray.

O JESUS : nailed to the Cross for our sins : transfix our hearts also : and fasten them to Thy Cross : that they may be wholly united unto Thee : and that having been crucified with Thee upon the earth : we may hope to reign with Thee hereafter in heaven.

vii.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. *S. Matt. xxvii. 50.*

And Jesus uttered a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. *S. Mark xv. 37.*

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit : and having said this, he gave up the ghost. *S. Luke xxiii. 46.*

When Jesus had therefore received the vinegar, he said, It is finished : and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *S. John* xix. 30.

Silence.

Let us pray.

O JESUS: Who didst die for us : upon the Cross of shame: grant us so to die: to all that would draw us away from Thyself: that when the hour of our departure arrives: we may die loving Thee: and in Thy sacred arms.

viii.

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.

And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock. *S. Matt.* xxvii. 59-60.

And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead : and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he learned it of the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And he bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which he had hewn out of a rock. *S. Mark* xv. 44-46.

And behold, a man named Joseph this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was hewn in stone, where never man had yet lain. *S. Luke* xxiii. 50-53.

And after these things Joseph of Arimathea came therefore and took away his body. And there came also Nicodemus, he who at the first

came to him by night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. So they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb wherein was man never yet laid. There then because of the Jews' Preparation (for the tomb was nigh at hand) they laid Jesus. *S. John* xix. 38-42.

Silence.

Let us pray.

O JESUS: Who wast taken down from the Cross by the hands of loving disciples; give us grace to take Thee down from the Cross: on which, by our sins, we have nailed Thee: and hereafter to possess Thee buried in our hearts: that we may rise with Thee unto newness of life.

After each of the above may be said

ACT OF CONTRITION.

O GOD: we love Thee with our whole hearts: and above all things: and are heartily sorry that we have offended Thee. May we never offend Thee any more: may we love Thee without ceasing: and make it our delight: to do, in all things, Thy most Holy Will.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, . . . deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us:

*Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee,
O Lord. Amen.*

Our Baptism.

79

THANKSGIVING.

i.

WE YIELD THEE HEARTY THANKS: most merciful Father: that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate us Thy servants with Thy Holy Spirit: to receive us for Thine own Children by adoption: and to incorporate us into Thy Holy Church: And humbly we beseech Thee to grant: that we, being dead unto sin: and living unto righteousness: and being buried with Christ in His death: may crucify the old man: and utterly abolish the whole body of sin: and that as we have been made partakers of the death of Thy Son: we may also be partakers of His resurrection: so that finally, with the residue of Thy Holy Church: we may be inheritors of Thine everlasting kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Ministration of Baptism.

ii.

WE YIELD THEE HUMBLE THANKS: O heavenly Father: that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace: and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge: and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give us the grace of thy Holy Spirit: that having been born again: and made heirs of everlasting salvation: through our Lord Jesus Christ: we may continue thy servants: and attain thy promises: through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son: who liveth and reigneth with thee: in the unity of the same Holy Spirit: everlastingly: Amen.

Private Baptism of Infants.

80

MEMORIAL.

IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD : and of all the company of heaven : I renew the solemn promise and vow : that was made in my name at my Baptism : ratifying and confirming the same in my own person : and acknowledging myself bound : to believe, and to do all those things : which were then undertaken for me.

Order of Confirmation.

81

ACT OF RENUNCIATION, FAITH AND OBEDIENCE.

BY THE POWER OF GOD :

I renounce the devil and all his works : the vain pomp and glory of the world : with all covetous desires of the same : and the carnal desires of the flesh.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD :

I believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith.

BY THE HELP OF GOD :

I will obediently keep God's holy will and commandments : and walk in the same all the days of my life.

Ministration of Baptism.

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PRAYER.

i.

O MERCIFUL GOD : grant that the old Adam in us may be so buried : that the new man may be raised up in us : *Amen.*

GRANT that all carnal affections may die in us : and that all things belonging to the Spirit : may live and grow in us : *Amen.*

GRANT that we may have power and strength : to have victory, and to triumph : against the devil : the world : and the flesh : *Amen.*

Ministration of Baptism.

ii.

GRANT, O LORD: that as we are baptised into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ: so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him: and that through the grave and gate of death: we may pass to our joyful resurrection: for His merits, who died: and was buried: and rose again for us: Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Collect for Easter Eve.

iii.

GRANT, O LORD, WE BESEECH THEE: that we who have been received into the congregation of Christ's flock: and have been signed with the sign of the cross: may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified: but may manfully fight under His banner: against sin: the world: and the devil: and continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end: Amen.

Ministration of Baptism.

iv.

ALmighty AND EVERLASTING GOD: we beseech Thee: for thine infinite mercies: that thou wilt mercifully look upon us: that being washed and sanctified with the Holy Ghost: and being delivered from thy wrath: and received into the ark of Christ's Church: we may be steadfast in faith: joyful through hope: and rooted in charity: and may so pass the waves of this troublesome world: that finally we may come to the land of everlasting life: there to reign with thee: world without end: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Baptism of those of Riper Years.

Our Confirmation.

83

THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD: who has vouchsafed to regenerate us Thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost: and thereby given unto us forgiveness of all our sins: Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord: with the Holy Ghost the Comforter: and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding: the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength: the spirit of knowledge and true godliness: and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear: now and for ever: Amen.

Order of Confirmation.

84

FOR THE SEVENFOLD GIFTS.

i.

O GOD THE HOLY GHOST: Who in our Baptism didst come to us as the Life Giver: we beseech Thee to increase in us now: Thy Sevenfold Gifts of Confirmation: the Spirit of Wisdom: that we may choose the better part: the Spirit of understanding: that we may perceive and know what things we ought to do: the Spirit of Counsel and Ghostly Strength: that we may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same: the Spirit of Knowledge and true Godliness: that, always learning of our Lord Jesus Christ: we may grow like Him: and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy Holy Fear: to keep us from all irreverence in thought or word: for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who with Thee and the Father is one God: Amen.

PRAYER.

ii.

ALMIGHTY GOD: Who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son: to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate: and made Thy children by adoption and grace: may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit: through the same our Lord Jesus Christ: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit: ever one God world without end: Amen.

Christmas Day.

iii.

DEFEND US: O LORD, with Thy heavenly grace: that we may continue Thine for ever: and may daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more: until we come unto Thy everlasting kingdom: Amen.

Order of Confirmation.

85 FOR THE SEVENFOLD GIFT.

O God, the Father,
Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Son,
Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

WE beseech Thee that all we who have received the grace of Confirmation, may daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more:

That we may increase:

In the Spirit of Wisdom, whereby we choose Thee and Thy service,

We beseech Thee.

In the Spirit of Understanding, whereby we learn to hold fast the Mysteries of the Faith.

We beseech Thee.

In the Spirit of Counsel, whereby we may avoid what is evil.

We beseech Thee.

In the Spirit of Ghostly strength, whereby we may overcome the temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh.

We beseech Thee.

In the Spirit of Knowledge, whereby our understanding may be enlightened.

We beseech Thee.

In the Spirit of true Godliness, whereby we may live in obedience to Thy laws.

We beseech Thee.

In the Spirit of Holy Fear, whereby we may have a deep reverence for Holy Things.

We beseech Thee.

The Holy Communion.

FOR that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We most heartily thank Thee, O Lord.

For that Thou dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us.

We most heartily thank Thee, O Lord.

For that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son.

We most heartily thank Thee, O Lord.

For that we are heirs through hope of Thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of Thy dear Son.

We most heartily thank Thee, O Lord.

We humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship.

Hear us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

We humbly beseech Thee that we may do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in.

Hear us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

We humbly beseech Thee to accept our thanksgiving and to answer our prayer, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, we pray Thee, O Lord.

(*Order of H.C.*)

Let us pray.

WE GIVE THEE THANKS, O GOD: for having admitted us: in Thy mercy: to this precious Communion: of the Body and Blood of Thine only-begotten Son. May it be to us an armour of faith: and a shield of good purposes: a riddance of all vices: a rooting-out of all evil desires: an increase of love and penitence: and all other virtues: a firm defence against the wiles of the enemy: a means of clinging firmly to Thee, the one true God: and of securing a happy end. And we pray: that wouldest vouchsafe to bring us: to that ineffable feast: where Thou, with Thy Son and Holy Spirit: art to Thy saints pure light and satisfaction: everlasting joy and perfect happiness: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

87

ACT OF FAITH.

I BELIEVE: that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: is a continual remembrance: of the Sacrifice of the death of Christ:

I BELIEVE: that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: the Body and Blood of Christ: are verily and indeed taken and received: by the faithful:

I BELIEVE: that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: our souls are strengthened and refreshed: by the Body and Blood of Christ: as our bodies are strengthened and refreshed: by the bread and wine.

Catechism.

Thanksgiving and Praise.

INCENTIVES.

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i.

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.

5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious, and merciful: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works.

10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom: might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Psalm cxlv.

ii.

89 FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” *Eph. v. 20.*

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” *Col. iii. 15.*

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” *Col. iii. 17.*

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.” *Col. iv. 2.*

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” *Phil. iv. 6.*

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” *Heb. xiii. 15.*

“And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.” *Luke xvii. 17, 18.*

90 SCRIPTURE THANKSGIVINGS.

i.

FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

℞ According as He hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world: that we should be holy: and without blame before Him, in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself: according to the good pleasure of His will:

℞ To the praise of the glory of His grace: wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved.

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins: according to the riches of His grace:

℞ Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence:

Having made known unto us the mystery of His will:

By According to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself.

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times : He might gather together in one, all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth :

By Even in Him, In whom also we have obtained an inheritance.

Being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will :

By That we should be to the praise of His glory.

Eph. i. 3-12.

ii.

FROM THE SONG OF THE THREE CHILDREN.

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers :

And to be praised, and exalted above all, for ever.

And blessed is thy glorious and holy name :

And to be praised, and exalted above all, for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holy glory :

And to be praised, and glorified above all, for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubins :

And to be praised, and exalted above all, for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom :

And to be praised, and glorified above all, for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven :

And to be praised, and glorified above all, for ever.

Apocrypha.

iii.

91 FROM DAVID'S THANKSGIVING.

Blessed be Thou, Lord God of Israel, our Father : for ever and ever.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness : and the power : and the glory : and the victory : and the majesty : for all that is in heaven and the earth is Thine :

Thine is the kingdom, O Lord : and Thou art exalted as head over all.

Both riches and honour come of Thee : and Thou reignest over all : and in Thine hand is power and might.

And in Thine hand it is to make great : and to give strength to all.

Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee : and praise Thy glorious name.

I. Chron. xxix.

92 GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS.

i.

ALMIGHTY GOD : Father of all mercies : we thine unworthy servants : do give thee most humble and hearty thanks : for all thy goodness and loving-kindness : to us and to all men : We bless thee for our creation : preservation : and all the blessings of this life : but above all for thine inestimable love : in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ : for the means of grace : and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee : give us that due sense of all thy mercies : that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful : and that we shew forth thy praise : not only with our lips, but in our lives : by giving up ourselves to thy service : and by walking before thee : in holiness and righteousness all our days : through Jesus Christ our Lord : to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost : be all honour and glory : world without end : Amen.

B.C.P.

ii.

WE THANK THEE, O HEAVENLY FATHER: for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness towards us: for all Thy mercies and blessings:

We thank Thee for our home: our friends: and for all the blessings of this life:

We thank Thee that Thou hast called us to the knowledge of Thy grace: and faith in Thee:

Glory to the Father, Who hath made us; Glory to the Son, Who hath redeemed us: Glory to the Holy Ghost, Who sanctifies us: As it was in the beginning: is now: and ever shall be: world without end: Amen.

iii.

O GRACIOUS FATHER: we give Thee humble and hearty thanks: for all Thy mercies to us. We praise Thee: for all the manifold blessings of this life: praying Thee that we may serve Thee: with thankful hearts: and use all Thy gifts to Thy glory: We praise Thee for all the spiritual blessings: Thou hast bestowed upon us: praying Thee: that we may ever set our affections: on things above: and not on things on the earth: and may seek first Thy kingdom: and righteousness. O Lord, accept our thanksgivings: and teach us in all things: to glorify Thy holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

93 THE DIVINE PRAISES.

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be the most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Blessed be God, the Father Almighty.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, God and Man.

Blessed be the most Holy Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus Christ on His Throne of Glory.

Blessed be God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the most holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Blessed be God.

94 AN ACT OF ADORATION.

(*Bp. Andrewes.*)

O GOD THE FATHER OF HEAVEN: Who didst marvellously create the world out of nothing: Who governest and sustainest heaven, and earth: with Thy power: Who, for our sakes: didst give Thine Only-Begotten to be put to death.

O GOD THE SON: Redeemer of the world: Who didst deign to be born of the Virgin: Who didst wash us from our sins in Thy precious blood: Who rising from the dead: didst ascend Victor into heaven.

O GOD THE HOLY GHOST: the Comforter: Who in the form of a dove: didst descend upon Jesus: Who didst appear upon the Apostles: like cloven tongues of fire: Who visitest and confirmest with Thy grace: the hearts of Thy Saints.

HOLY, SUPREME: Eternal, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity: Ever laudable: yet ever ineffable: Father of goodness: Son of love: Spirit of bounty: Whose Majesty is inscrutable: and Power incomparable: and Goodness inestimable: Whose Work is life: Whose Love is grace: Whose Contemplation is glory.

DEITY, DIVINITY: Unity: Trinity: Thee we adore: Thee we invoke: Thee, with the whole affection of our hearts: we bless now and for ever. Thou art Lord of both quick and dead.

Whose are we: whom this present world yet retaineth in the flesh.

Whose are they also : whom the life to come hath
 already received : freed from the body.
 Give to the quick : loving-kindness and grace.
 Give to the dead : rest and eternal light.
 Give to Thy Church : truth and peace ; and to us
 sinners : penitence and pardon.

95 AN ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive power and
 riches and wisdom and strength and honour and
 glory and blessing.

We praise and magnify Thee, O Lord.

Blessed be Thy glorious Name, that Thy Word
 hath sounded forth, not only in Jerusalem and
 Antioch, in Athens and in Rome ; but in every
 place the faith of Christ is spread abroad.

All glory be to Thee, O Lord.

For Thy good soldiers in every age, striving law-
 fully, enduring unto the end,

We bless and praise Thy glorious Name.

For the wisdom of doctors, the zeal of evangelists,
 the eloquence of prophets, the love of pastors,

We bless and praise Thy glorious Name.

For the praises of babes, the ministry of women,
 the purity of the young, the fervour of the
 aged, for all the signs of Thy presence, all the
 marks of Thy Cross,

We bless and praise Thy glorious Name.

For the light of Thy everlasting Gospel, sent to
 every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and
 people, shining so long amongst ourselves,

All glory be to Thee, O Lord.

For Thy Church, the pillar and ground of the truth,
 against which the gates of hell shall not prevail,

All glory be to Thee, O Lord.

For Thy gracious word of promise, that they that

be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever,

All glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

Long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man,

And His mercy is over all His works.

All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord,

And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

They show the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power,

That Thy power: Thy glory: and the mightiness of Thy kingdom: might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

And Thy dominion endureth: throughout all ages.

Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty,

Just and true are Thy ways: Thou King of Saints.

Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name: for Thou only art holy,

For all nations shall come and worship before Thee: for Thy judgments are made manifest.

After this I beheld: and, lo! a great multitude: which no man could number: of all nations: and kindreds: and people: and tongues: stood before the throne: and before the Lamb: clothed with white robes: and palms in their hands:

And cried with a loud voice, saying: Salvation to our God: which sitteth upon the throne: and unto the Lamb: Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Collects.

Some Collects from the Book of Common Prayer.

96 FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.

i.

ALMIGHTY GOD: who hast given us thy only-begotten Son: to take our nature upon him: and to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we: being regenerate: and made thy children: by adoption and grace: may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit: through the same our Lord Jesus Christ: who liveth and reigneth with thee: and the same Spirit: ever one God: world without end: Amen.

Christmas Day.

ii.

O GOD THE KING OF GLORY: who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ: with great triumph: unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless: but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us: and exalt us unto the same place: whither our Saviour Christ is gone before: who liveth and reigneth: with thee and the Holy Ghost: one God: world without end: Amen.

Sunday after Ascension.

iii.

O GOD: forasmuch as without thee: we are not able to please thee: Mercifully grant: that thy Holy Spirit: may in all things direct and rule our hearts: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

xix. aft. Trin.

i.

O GOD: whose blessed Son was manifested: that he might destroy the works of the devil: and make us the sons of God: and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech Thee: that, having this hope: we may purify ourselves: even as he is pure: that, when he shall appear again: with power and great glory: we may be made like unto him: in his eternal and glorious kingdom: where with thee, O Father: and thee, O Holy Ghost: he liveth and reigneth: ever one God: world without end: Amen.

Epiph. vi.

ii.

ALMIGHTY GOD: who shewest to them that be in error: the light of thy truth: to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them: that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion: that they may eschew those things: that are contrary to their profession: and follow all such things: as are agreeable to the same: through our Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

iii. aft. Easter.

iii.

O ALMIGHTY GOD: who alone canst order: the unruly wills and affections: of sinful men: Grant unto thy people: that they may love the thing which thou commandest: and desire that which thou dost promise: that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world: our hearts may surely there be fixed: where true joys are to be found: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

iv. aft. Easter.

iv.

STIR UP: we beseech thee, O Lord: the wills of thy faithful people: that they: plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works: may of thee be plenteously rewarded: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

xxv. *aft. Trin.*

98

FOR LOVE.

i.

O GOD: who hast prepared: for them that love thee: such good things: as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts: such love toward thee: that we, loving thee above all things: may obtain thy promises: which exceed all that we can desire: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

vi. *aft. Trin.*

ii.

LORD OF ALL POWER AND MIGHT: who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion: nourish us with all goodness: and of thy great mercy: keep us in the same: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

vii. *aft. Trin.*

iii.

O LORD: who hast taught us: that all our doings: without charity: are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost: and pour into our hearts: that most excellent gift of charity: the very bond of peace: and of all virtues: without which: whosoever liveth: is counted dead before thee: Grant this: for thine only Son: Jesus Christ's sake: Amen.

Quinqua.

99

FOR GRACE.

O GOD: the strength of all them: that put their trust in thee: mercifully accept our prayers: and because through the weakness of our mortal nature: we can do no good thing without thee: grant us the help of thy grace: that in keeping of thy commandments: we may please thee: both in will and deed: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

i. aft. Trin

100

FOR GUIDANCE.

i.

GO BEFORE US, O LORD: in all our doings: with thy most gracious favour: and further us: with thy continual help: that in all our works: begun: continued: and ended in thee: we may glorify thy holy Name: and finally by thy mercy: obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

H.C.

ii.

O ALMIGHTY LORD: and everlasting God: vouchsafe, we beseech thee: to direct: sanctify: and govern: both our hearts and bodies: in the ways of thy laws: and in the works of thy commandments: that through thy most mighty protection: both here and ever: we may be preserved in body and soul: through our Lord and Saviour: Jesus Christ: Amen.

H.C.

101

FOR FAITH, HOPE, LOVE.

AL MIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD: give unto us the increase of faith: hope: and charity: and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise:

make us to love that which thou dost command :
through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

xiv. aft. Trin.

102

AGAINST THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL.

LORD, WE BESEECH THEE : grant thy people
grace : to withstand the temptations of the
world : the flesh : and the devil : and with pure
hearts and minds : to follow thee : the only God :
through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

xviii. aft. Trin.

103

FOR A RIGHT JUDGEMENT.

O LORD, WE BESEECH THEE : mercifully to
receive the prayers of thy people : which call
upon thee : and grant : that they may both perceive
and know : what things they ought to do : and also
may have grace and power : faithfully to fulfil the
same : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

Epiph. i.

Intercessions.

104

FOR THE CHURCH.

(Response after each petition :—

Hear us, we beseech Thee.)

REMEMBER, O LORD, Thy Holy Catholic and
Apostolic Church throughout all the world,
and bestow upon it richly the gifts of Thine all-
holy Spirit.

Remember, especially the Church in this our land,
and all the churches united therewith ; remove
all that is evil, strengthen all that is good, and
supply all the deficiencies thereof.

Remember, O Lord, all Christian people, who, though alienated from Thy Church, desire to serve Thee in holy living.

Remember, O Lord, our holy fathers the bishops throughout all the world, who rightly divide the word of truth.

Remember, in the multitude of Thy mercy and Thy compassion, all priests and deacons; that Thy priests may live a blameless life, and Thy deacons may preserve their ministry undefiled, and obtain for themselves a good degree.

Remember, O Lord, all those who this day take part in Thy holy mysteries and kneel at Thy holy table: accomplish the desire of each heart, and fulfil every good intention.

Remember, O Lord, all those who join this day in common worship before Thy throne of grace; let all be enabled to do Thee hearty service; multiply our opportunities, and give us grace to use them with unfailing steadfastness and fervent devotion.

Remember, O Lord, the ministers of Thy Church for their labour in word and sacrament, and in the proclamation of Thy glorious gospel; endow them with wisdom for their high task, with learning for the setting forth of Thy truth, with loving zeal and devotion for Thy glory, and the salvation of souls.

Remember, O Lord, all those whom Thou art calling hereafter to serve Thee in Thy ministry, that none may spoil or lose his vocation.

Remember, O Lord, all those who with heart and hand and voice bear their part in the service of Thy holy place, that they may have grace to serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Remember, O Lord, all those in Thy Church who bear good fruit and do good works, and are mindful of the poor, the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and the destitute.

Vouchsafe to remember all those who in every generation since the world began have been well pleasing unto Thee, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, doctors, virgins and matrons, and all the spirits of just men made perfect in the faith of Jesus Christ.

(all together.)

THROUGH: Thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: with whom in the unity of the all-holy: blessed: and life-giving Spirit: Thou art blessed and glorified now: henceforth: and for evermore: Amen.

105

FOR ORDAINED AND LAY MINISTERS.

LET us pray for all who bear office or minister in holy things, especially in this diocese and parish. Saying after each petition:—

We beseech Thee, O Lord.

For our Bishop;

For our Archdeacon and Rural Dean;

For *him* to whom is committed the care of souls in this parish;

For the Churchwardens and Sidesmen;

For the Members of the Choir;

For the District Visitors;

For the Teachers in the Day School and Sunday School;

For

For

For all others who labour for the good of souls and the advancement of Thy holy Church;

(*all together.*)

THAT IT MAY PLEASE THEE: to endue them with abundant gifts of zeal and charity, wisdom and holiness, courage and perseverance: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

106 FOR WORKERS AND TOILERS.

LET us pray for all those who live by strength of arm or skill of hand. Saying after each petition:—

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to receive the supplications which we offer before Thee:—

For men who face peril;
 For women who suffer pain;
 For those who till the earth;
 For those who tend machinery;
 For those whose business is in the deep waters;
 For sailors and seafarers;
 For those who work in offices and warehouses;
 For those who buy and sell;
 For those who labour at furnaces and in factories;
 For those who toil in mines;
 For those who keep house;
 For those who train children;
 For all who control, rule, or employ;
 For all who are poor, and broken, and oppressed;
 For all whose labour is without hope;
 For all whose labour is without honour;
 For all whose labour is without interest;
 For those who have too little leisure;
 For those who are underpaid;
 For women workers;
 For those who work in dangerous trades;
 For those who cannot find work;
 For those who will not work;
 For those who have no home;

For prisoners and outcasts ;
 For the victims of lust ;
 For all who are intemperate or luxurious ;
 For all who are sick or hungry or destitute ;

(all together.)

THAT IT MAY PLEASE THEE: to comfort, sustain,
 protect, and deliver, these, and all others for
 whom we desire to pray: through Jesus Christ
 our Lord: Amen.

FOR MISSIONARY WORKERS.

107 i.

LET us offer our prayers for all missionary
 workers. Saying after each petition:—

Grant this, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to all missionary
 workers—

A single eye to Thy glory ;
 Diligence in work and prayers ;
 Wisdom and discernment of character ;
 Ability to teach and preach ;
 Abundant blessing in their ministry ;
 Grace to overcome temptations ;
 Grace to stand firm in the faith ;
 Grace to win many souls to the truth.

(all together.)

AND GRANT: that turning many to righteousness:
 they may hereafter shine as the stars for ever and
 ever: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

108 ii.

LET us pray God for all missionary workers in
 need.

From fever and pestilence,

Deliver them, O God.

(all together.)

THAT IT MAY PLEASE THEE: to give them patience under their sufferings: and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. This we beg: for Jesus Christ, His sake. Amen.

110 FOR THE DYING.

LET us pray for the souls of those who are at this hour passing away. Saying after each petition:—

Good Lord, deliver them.

From Thy wrath;
From the perils of death;
From an unprepared death;
From the pains of hell;
From all evil:
From the power of the devil;
By Thy Nativity;
By Thy Cross and Passion;
By Thy Death and Burial;
By Thy glorious Resurrection;
By Thy wonderful Ascension;
By the Grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter;
In the Day of Judgment;

(all together.)

AND GRANT: O merciful Father: that they may omit nothing which is necessary: to make their peace with Thee: before they die: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

111 FOR SINNERS.

LET us pray for the conversion of sinners [especially for those in this town (parish)], Saying after each petition:—

Lord, turn their hearts.

That it may please Thee to hear us who make our humble supplication unto Thee—

For all unbelievers ;
 For the ungodly, careless and indifferent ;
 For those who profane Thy name ;
 For those who profane Sundays and other Holy
 Days ;
 For those who never come to church ;
 For those who never pray ;
 For husbands who are cruel to their wives ;
 For women who are unloving to their husbands ;
 For parents who ill-treat their children ;
 For the passionate and quarrelsome ;
 For the unforgiving and jealous ;
 For those who violate the laws of chastity ;
 For drunkards, gamblers and thieves ;
 For those who are idle and slothful ;
 For those who are dishonest in their lives ;
 For those who are dishonest in trade ;
 For all those who have fallen from grace ;

*Lord, turn their hearts : and bring into the
 way of truth : all such as have erred and
 are deceived.*

112

FOR OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S LAWS.

LET us beseech God that men may hear and
 obey His holy commandments. Saying after
 each :—

Lord, incline the hearts of all men : to keep this law.

GOD spake these words and said :

I am the Lord thy God ; thou shalt have none
 other gods but Me.

Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven
 image. Thou shalt not bow down to them,
 nor worship them.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy
 God in vain.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
 Honour thy father and thy mother.
 Thou shalt do no murder.
 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 Thou shalt not steal.
 Thou shalt not bear false witness.
 Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbour's.

(all together.)

AND GRANT: that Thy way may be known upon
 earth: Thy saving health among all nations:
 through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son our Lord.
 Amen.

113

For the Catholic Church.

GRACIOUS FATHER: I humbly beseech Thee for
 Thy Holy Catholic Church: fill it with all
 truth, and with all peace: where it is corrupt,
 purge it: where it is in error, direct it: where
 anything is amiss, reform it: where it is right,
 strengthen and confirm it: where it is in want,
 furnish it: where it is divided and rent asunder,
 make up the breaches of it: O Thou Holy One of
 Israel: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

114

For the Unity of the Church.

LORD JESUS CHRIST: Who hast said to Thy
 apostles: Peace I leave with you: My peace I
 give unto you: regard not our sins: but the faith
 of Thy Church: And grant unto her that peace and
 unity: which are acceptable to Thy will: Who livest
 and reignest: with the Father and the Holy Ghost:
 one God, for ever and ever: Amen.

115

For the Church of this land.

HEAR US: most merciful God: for that part of the Church: which Thou hast planted in our land: That it may hold fast the faith, which Thou gavest unto the Saints: and in the end bear much fruit: to eternal life: for the sake of Jesus, our Lord: Amen.

116

For our Country.

O GOD: Whose never-failing providence ordereth all things: both in Heaven and earth: have mercy, we beseech Thee, on our Kingdom and Empire: And grant that peace and happiness: truth and justice: religion and piety: may be established amongst us for all generations: through Jesus Christ: our most blessed Lord and Saviour: Amen.

117

For the Bishop.

O GOD: the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants: look down in mercy on the Chief Pastors of Thy Church: especially on him to whom Thou hast given charge over this diocese. Do Thou evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify, and save them: and grant them by Thy grace: so to advance in word and good example: that they may, with the flocks committed to them: attain to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ, our Lord: Amen.

118

For the Diocese.

O GOD: Who art ever adored by Thy holy Angels: yet dost choose men to be stewards of Thy mysteries: Bless, we beseech Thee: the divine life and work: of the Bishop and Clergy of this

diocese: That they who cannot do anything good without Thee: may, by Thee, grow daily in ministerial purity and Love: in saintly life: and blessed service: in true knowledge of Thy Word and Sacraments: to the advancement of Thy glory: and the salvation of Thine elect: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

119

For the Parish.

i.

O LORD: look down in mercy upon this parish: and forgive us our grievous sins: May many souls be turned unto Thee: Bless those who love Thee: and do Thou keep all those: who are walking in the way of life steadfast unto the end: Give patience to the sick and afflicted: and make their sufferings a blessing to them: Bless to us all the means of grace: Prosper the clergy in their holy work: and in Thine own good time: heal all our divisions, and make us one: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

ii

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD: Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: mercifully hear the supplications of Thy servants: and grant unto this parish: all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful: visit and relieve the sick: turn and soften the wicked: rouse the careless: recover the fallen: restore the penitent: remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth. And bring all to be of one heart and mind: within the fold of Thy holy Church: to the honour and glory of Thy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

120

For the Clergy.

GIVE GRACE, O HEAVENLY FATHER: to all bishops, priests, and deacons: that both by their life and doctrine: they may set forth Thy true and lively word: and rightly and duly administer Thy holy sacraments: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

121

For the Clergy of the Parish.

O LORD: who by Thy almighty power canst make weakness strong: Sanctify and bless the *Pastors* of this Parish: that *they* being made able ministers of the new testament: may be examples to the flock. And meekly serving at Thine altar: truly preaching Thy Word: and rightly administering Thy holy Sacraments: *they* may receive *their* heavenly reward: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

122

For increase of Candidates for the Sacred Ministry.

O ALMIGHTY GOD: look mercifully upon the world redeemed by the Blood of Thy dear Son: And incline the hearts of many: to offer themselves for the sacred ministry of Thy Church: that those who are now in darkness may be turned to Thy light: and that the glorious triumph of Thy Blessed Son: may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect: through the same Thy Son: Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

123

For Church Workers.

O LORD: without Whom our labour is but lost: and with Whom thy little ones go forth as the mighty: Be present to bless all the works (*in this parish*): which are undertaken according to

Thy Will: And grant to Thy labourers a pure intention: patient faith: sufficient success upon earth: and the bliss of serving Thee in heaven: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

123a *For our Schools.*

WE BESEECH THEE: O Heavenly Father: to bless and preserve: the Church Schools of this nation: And grant that all our children may be taught: to know and love the true Faith: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

123b *For School Teachers.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER: whose blessed Son hath said: Suffer the little children to come unto me: Prosper with Thy blessing: the work of all who labour: for the instruction and up-bringing of the young: in virtue and true godliness: Grant that as the minds of Thy children: are enlightened with knowledge: so their hearts may be daily drawn to the love of thee: and of Thy Son, our Saviour: We beg this: for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

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124 *For Doctors and Nurses.*

O MERCIFUL FATHER: who hast wonderfully fashioned man in Thine image: and hast made his body to be a temple of the Holy Ghost: Sanctify, we pray Thee: all those whom Thou hast called: to study and practise the art of healing the sick: and the prevention of disease and pain: Guide and strengthen all those who minister to the body, we beseech Thee: and bless their work: that they may themselves live as members and servants of Christ: and give comfort to those: whom He lived and died to save: through Him who now liveth with Thee: in the unity of the Holy Ghost: one God, world without end: Amen.

125

For the Laity.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD: by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee: for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church: that every member of the same: in his vocation and ministry: may truly and godly serve Thee: through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ: Amen.

126

For Communicants.

O MOST GRACIOUS FATHER: who callest us unto Thyself by Jesus Christ: Reveal Thy dear Son in the hearts of those who diligently approach Thy holy Table: And grant that they: realizing increasingly the sweetness of His presence: may come to the more humble acknowledgment of their own weakness: and the more faithful acceptance of His all-sufficient grace: through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

126a

For the Forces of the King, in his Navy and Army.

O LORD GOD OF HOSTS: stretch forth, we pray Thee: Thine Almighty Arm: to strengthen and protect the sailors and soldiers of our King: in every peril both of sea and land: Shelter them in the day of battle: and in the time of peace: keep them safe from all evil: endue them ever with loyalty and courage: and grant that in all things: they may serve, as seeing Thee who art invisible: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Scottish Prayer Book.

127

For our Villages and Towns.

O GOD, TO WHOM BELONGETH ALL POWER AND MIGHT: we pray Thee to raise our villages and towns from the degradation of sin: and to cleanse

them from all impurity : drunkenness : and gambling : Instil into those who own land or houses : an earnest desire to banish therefrom all occasions of sin and vice : that the weak may be protected : the struggling assisted : the godly encouraged : and the faithful increased : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

128

For our Children.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST : we beseech Thee, by the innocence and obedience of Thy holy childhood : and by Thy reverence and love for little children : Do Thou guard the children of our land : Preserve their innocence : strengthen them when ready to slip : recover the erring : and remove all that may hinder them : from being brought up in Thy faith and love : who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost : one God, world without end : Amen.

128a

For Relations and Friends.

ALMIGHTY FATHER : Who art present in Thy power in every place. Give ear in Thy loving kindness : to the supplications which we offer unto Thee : on behalf of our relations and friends : May Thy mighty hand : shield and protect them from all evil : May Thy Holy Spirit : guide them in the right way : and bless their going out and their coming in : And grant that : being united by our fellowship with Thee : we may all at the last : be gathered in the home which is above : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

Scottish Prayer Book.

129

For the Aged.

O THOU : who art the strength of our heart : and our portion for ever : Cast not away Thy servants, O Lord : in the time of age : forsake them

not when their strength faileth: but the more their bodies decay day by day: so much the more strengthen their souls for their last account: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

130

For the Poor.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST: Who when on earth hadst not where to lay Thine head: Have mercy upon all those: who are in poverty and distress: Be Thou the Comforter of the widow: the Father of the orphan: the Succour of those in distress: and their wealth in poverty: Minister to their bodily necessities: supply their wants while they dwell upon earth: and bring them to that eternal kingdom: where there are no tears, neither sorrow nor crying: Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end: Amen.

131

For the Sick.

LOOK WITH PITY, O LORD: upon all who are sick and in pain (especially) Teach them to feel that all sickness comes from Thy hand: Restore them to health when it shall please Thee, and be best for their souls: for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who suffered for us: Amen.

132

For the Dying.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST: Who in Thy last agony: didst commend Thy Spirit into the hands of Thy Heavenly Father: Have mercy upon all sick and dying persons: and grant that they may omit nothing, which is necessary to make their peace with Thee before they die: Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost: one God world without end: Amen.

133 *For the Faithful Departed.*

WE BLESS THY HOLY NAME: for all Thy servants departed this life: in Thy faith and fear: Beseeching Thee to give us grace: so to follow their good examples: that with them we may be partakers: of Thy heavenly kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

133a *Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD: the God of the spirits of all flesh: who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech Thee: to those who rest in Jesus: the manifold blessings of Thy love: that the good work which Thou didst begin in them: may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ: And of Thy mercy, O heavenly Father: vouchsafe that we: who now serve Thee here on earth: may at the last: together with them: be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: for the sake of the same Thy Son: Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: Amen.

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134 *For those who neglect public worship.*

O LORD, WE BESEECH THEE: have pity on all who neglect the Service of Thy Church: And teach them to love the honour of Thy Holy House: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

135 *For the Conversion of Sinners.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD: we beseech Thee to hear our prayers: for all such as sin against Thee: or neglect to serve Thee: That Thou wouldest bestow

upon them true contrition : and an earnest desire to devote themselves to Thy holy service : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

135a

For Home Missions.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST : Thou good Shepherd of the sheep : who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost : We beseech Thee to be present in Thy power : with the Missions of Thy Church in this ourland : Shew forth Thy compassion to the helpless : enlighten the ignorant : succour those in peril : and bring home the wanderers in safety to Thy fold : Who livest and reignest : with the Father and the Holy Spirit : one God, world without end : Amen.

Scottish Prayer Book.

136

For Missions.

O GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER : Who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him : Pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church, that it may fulfil His command to preach the Gospel to every creature : Send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest : defend them in all dangers and temptations : and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

137

For Native Christians.

O LORD, WE BESEECH THEE : pour out Thy Holy Spirit : upon all the native converts : whom Thou hast gathered to Thyself : through Thy labouring servants throughout the world : That as

Thou hast begotten them again unto a lively hope : so they may ever be followers of Thee as dear children : Make them to be ready to every good work : and more especially to exert themselves : for the salvation of those around them : that so by their zeal and faithful testimony : by their holy and consistent lives : they may glorify Thy Name before their countrymen : and bring in unto Thee from the midst of them : those whom Thou dost save : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

138

For Catechumens.

O LORD GOD : remember those who in many lands : are preparing for Holy Baptism : Have mercy upon them : strengthen their faith : enlighten their minds : purify their hearts : fit them to be a habitation of the Holy Ghost : and grant that they may receive the washing of regeneration : for the remission of their sins : to the glory of Thy Name : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

139

For the Jews.

O GOD, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM : look upon Thine everlasting covenant : and cause the captivity of Judah and of Israel to return : They are Thy people : O be Thou their Saviour : that all who love Jerusalem : and mourn for her : may rejoice with her : for Jesus Christ's sake, their Saviour and ours : Amen.

140

For the Conversion of the Heathen.

O GOD, WHO HAST MADE OF ONE BLOOD : all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth : and didst send thy Blessed Son : to preach

peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh: Grant that all the people who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, may feel after Thee: and find Thee: And hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy promise: to pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh: through Jesus Christ our Lord: to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory: now and for evermore: Amen.

141

For any Person or Object.

LET US in silence offer up our prayers on behalf
of

(Silence.)

Ÿ O Lord, hear our prayer,

℞ *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Concluding Prayers.

142

i.

ASSIST US MERCIFULLY, O LORD: in these our supplications and prayers: and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation: that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life: we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Order of H.C.

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ii.

ALMIGHTY GOD: the Fountain of all wisdom: Who knowest our necessities before we ask: and our ignorance in asking: We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities: and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not:

and for our blindness we cannot ask : vouchsafe to give us : for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

Order of H.C.

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iii.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD : Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray : and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve : Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy : forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid : and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask : but through the merits and mediation : of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord : Amen.

xii. aft. Trin.

ENDINGS.

145

i.

NOW UNTO HIM : that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us ; unto him be the glory in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end : Amen.

Ephes. iii.

146

ii.

NOW UNTO HIM : that is able to keep us from falling : and to present us faultless : before the Presence of His Glory : with exceeding joy : to the only wise God our Saviour : be glory and majesty : dominion and power : both now and ever : Amen.

Jude 24.

147

iii.

THE BLESSING OF GOD OUR FATHER : The Blessing of His Only Begotten Son : The Light of the World : The Blessing of the Eternal Spirit : The Giver of Life : The Blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity : be upon us and on our work : now and always : Amen.

148

iv.

UNTO HIM THAT LOVED US : and washed us from our sins in His own blood : and hath made us kings and priests : unto God and His Father : to Him be glory and dominion : for ever and ever :
Rev. i. Amen.

149

v.

SAVE US, O LORD : waking : guard us sleeping : that when we are awake : we may watch with Christ : and when we sleep : we may rest in peace :
 May God the Father keep me :
 God the Son defend me :
 God the Holy Ghost preserve me :
 God the Blessed Trinity : be with me and bless me : this night and for ever. Amen.

150

vi.

THE LORD BLESS US : and keep us : the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace : now and for evermore : Amen.

Communion.

151

vii.

THE GRACE : of our Lord Jesus Christ : and the love of God : and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost : be with us all evermore : Amen.

ii Cor. xiii.

Litanies

152

OF PRAYER.

O God the Father, Who hearest prayer,
 O God the Son, Who has taught us how to
 pray,
 O God the Holy Ghost, Who prayest in us and
 for us,
 O Holy, Blessed and glorious Trinity to whom
 we lift up our soul in prayer,
 O God, Who hast revealed to us in Thy Holy
 Word the power of prayer,
 Who, in the beginning, didst inspire men to call
 upon Thy Name,
 Who didst teach Abel to offer an acceptable
 offering,
 Who didst accept the prayers and burnt offerings
 of Noah,
 O God, who didst make a covenant with Abraham
 with sacrifice,
 Who didst grant to him all his petitions, when he
 prayed for Sodom and Gomorrah,
 Who didst draw near to the Patriarchs, to Abraham,
 Isaac and to Jacob, whensoever they called upon
 Thee,
 Who didst hear the cry of the children of Israel,
 and didst rescue them from their bondage,
 O God, Who didst accept the prayer of Moses when
 he made intercession for the people,
 Who didst send judges to rescue the Israelites when
 they called upon Thee in their trouble,
 Who didst accept the intercessions of Noah, of
 Daniel, and of Job,
 O God, Who from old time even until now hast
 never failed them that seek Thee,

*Have mercy
upon us.*

Help us, we beseech Thee.

From all unbelief and doubt in the power of
prayer,

From all neglect and slackness in prayer,

From all lack of perseverance in prayer,

From all coldness and indifference,

From deadness of heart and wanderings of
thought,

From those sins which stand in the way of
prayer,

*Good Lord,
deliver us.*

We, Thy servants, humbly beseech Thee to hear
us, O Lord :—

Who didst spend long nights in prayer,

Who didst rise very early in the morning to pray,

Who didst teach Thy disciples to pray,

Who, being in agony, didst pray the more earnestly,

That it may please Thee to fulfil all Thy good
promises towards us,

That when we ask we may receive,

That when we seek we may find,

That when we knock it may be open to us,

That whatsoever we shall ask the Father in Thy
name, He may give to us,

That it may please Thee to give us grace to be
faithful and steadfast both in public and in private
prayer,

That it may please Thee to make us diligent and
earnest both in thanksgiving and in intercession,

That it may please Thee to have compassion on our
weakness, and to lift the vail that we may see
the mighty things accomplished by the power of
prayer,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

✠ The Lord is righteous in all His ways :

℟ *And holy in all His works.*

✠ The Lord is high unto all them that call upon
Him :

℟ *Yea, all such as call upon Him faithfully.*

✠ He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him :

R/ He also will hear their cry; and will help them.

Ÿ Thou, O Lord, hast never failed them that seek Thee:

R/ Therefore men ought always to pray and not to faint.

Let us pray.

O GOD: our refuge and strength: who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech Thee: to hear the devout prayers of Thy people: and grant that those things which we ask faithfully: we may obtain effectually: through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

xxiii. aft. Trin.

153 OF PENITENCE.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Ÿ Christ, hear us.

R/ Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God,

Jesu, Who camest to seek and to save that which was lost,

Who didst send John before Thee to preach repentance,

Who didst forgive the many sins of Mary Magdalene,

Who didst look upon Peter when he denied Thee,

Who didst promise Paradise to the Penitent Thief,

Who didst no sin, and yet bearest our sins on the

Who wast bruised for our iniquities, [Tree,

Who repentest Thee of the evil,

Who rebukest those whom Thou lovest,

Have mercy upon us.

Who triest Thine Elect, like gold in the fire,
 Who givest time and place for repentance,
 Who of Thy Goodness leadest us to repentance,
 Who after repentance rememberest our sins no more,
 ✠ Be gracious,

℟ *Spare us, Lord.*

✠ Be gracious,

℟ *Hear us, O Lord,*

From all evil,

From all sin,

From a sudden, unprepared death,

By Thy Baptism and holy Fast,

By Thy Labours and Sorrows,

By Thy Blood shed for the remission of our sins,

In the day of tribulation and anguish.

In the hour of death and the Day of Judgment,

*Good Lord,
 deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us:—

That it may please Thee to bring us to true repentance,

That condemning ourselves, we may escape Thy condemnation.

That we may bring forth worthy fruits of repentance,

That chastening our bodies, we may bring them into subjection,

That we may crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts,

That all bitterness and anger be put away from us,

That we be not desirous of vain-glory,

That we may resist the wiles of the devil,

That we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling,

That we may count all things but loss for Christ,

That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness,

That it may please Thee to purge us here, and to spare us in eternity,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

℟ *Spare us, O Lord.*

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

℟ *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

℟ *Have mercy upon us.*

✠ O Christ, hear us,

℟ *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

O GOD: Who desirest not the death of a sinner: mercifully look on the weakness of our mortal nature: And of Thy great kindness: accept our repentance: that through Thy mercy: we may obtain remission of our sins: steadfastness in Thy service: and finally the reward which Thou hast promised to those that persevere: through the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee: in the Unity of the Holy Ghost: God for ever and ever: Amen.

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OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

LORD, have mercy upon us,

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

✠ Jesus, hear us:

℟ *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,

Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost,
 O Holy Trinity, One God,
 Jesus, Son of the living God,
 Jesus, King of Glory,
 Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,
 Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
 Jesus, Whose Name is called Wonderful,
 Jesus, the mighty God,
 Jesus, the everlasting Father,
 Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
 Jesus, most powerful,
 Jesus, most patient,
 Jesus, most obedient,
 Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
 Jesus, Lover of chastity,
 Jesus, God of Peace,
 Jesus, Author of Life,
 Jesus, Example of all virtues,
 Jesus, Lover of souls,
 Jesus, our God and Refuge,
 Jesus, Father of the poor,
 Jesus, Treasure of the faithful,
 Jesus, good Shepherd,
 Jesus, true Light,
 Jesus, eternal Wisdom,
 Jesus, infinite Goodness,
 Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
 Jesus, Joy of Angels,
 Jesus, King of Patriarchs,
 Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
 Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
 Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
 Jesus, Light of Confessors,
 Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
 Jesus, Crown of all Saints,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful unto us,
Spare us, Lord Jesus.

Be merciful unto us,
Hear us, Lord Jesus.

From all evil,
 From all sin,
 From Thy wrath,
 From the snares of the devil,
 From the spirit of uncleanness,
 From everlasting death,
 From the neglect of Thy holy Inspirations,
 By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,
 By Thy Nativity,
 By Thine Infancy,
 By Thy most Divine Life,
 By Thy Labours and Travail,
 By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat,
 By Thy Cross and Passion,
 By Thy sufferings,
 By Thy Death and Burial,
 By Thy Resurrection,
 By Thine Ascension,
 In the hour of Death,
 In the day of Judgment,

Jesus, deliver us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 World,

Jesus, spare us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 World,

Jesus, graciously hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 World,

Jesus, have mercy upon us.

Jesus, hear us,

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD : who art a most strong tower
 to all them that put their trust in Thee : make
 us to know, and feel : that there is none other Name

under heaven given to man : in Whom and through Whom we may receive health and salvation : but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ : Amen.

Visit. of Sick.

155 OF THE PASSION.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

℣ Christ, hear us,

℟ *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father, of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God,

Jesu, instituting the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar,

Jesu, sold for thirty pieces of silver,

Jesu, betrayed by a kiss,

Jesu, taken before Annas and Caiaphas,

Jesu, judged worthy of death,

Jesu, spit upon, blindfolded, and struck with blows,

Jesu, hated without cause,

Jesu, thrice denied by Thine Apostle,

Jesu, rejected for a murderer,

Jesu, condemned to death by Pilate,

Jesu, scourged and bruised for our iniquities,

Jesu, mocked and set at nought by Herod,

Jesu, laden with the Cross and led to Calvary,

Jesu, nailed to the Cross,

Jesu, raised up on the Cross,

Jesu, obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross,

Jesu, bearing our sins in Thine own Body on the Tree,

Jesu, by Whose stripes we are healed,

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil,
 From unbelief and hardness of heart,
 From any denial of Thee,
 From sloth, unwatchfulness, and deadness of
 heart,
 By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat,
 By Thy buffetings and stripes,
 By Thy Crown of Thorns,
 By Thy Cross and Passion,
 By Thy Thirst, Tears, and Nakedness,
 By Thy Sacred Wounds,
 By Thy most precious Blood-shedding,
 By the anguish of Thy Heart upon the Cross,
 By Thy last exceeding great and bitter cry,
 By Thy most precious Death,
 By Thy Burial and descent into Hell,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us:—

That we may die unto sin and live unto holiness,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may take up our cross daily and follow
Thee,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may perfectly know Thee, the Crucified,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may never crucify Thee afresh,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That being made partakers of Thy Sufferings, we
may be also of Thy consolations,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ *Hear our prayer.*

✠ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ *Have mercy upon us.*

✠ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,

℟ *O Lord, pardon us.*

✠ The Lord be with you,

℟ *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST : our merciful High Priest :
 Who didst offer to the Father a pure offering :
 to reconcile sinners unto God : By the infinite
 merits of Thy life : Thy passion : and Thy death :
 give us grace, we beseech Thee : to die to the
 world : and live to Thee alone : and finally depart
 in peace : through Thy merits : Who livest and
 reignest with the Father : in the unity of the Holy
 Ghost : God for ever and ever : Amen.

156 OF THE RESURRECTION.

LORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

✠ Christ, hear us.

℟ *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father, of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God,

Jesus, Redeemer of mankind,

Jesus, the Holy One and the Just,

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life,

Jesus, Conqueror of sin and death,

Jesus, First-born from the dead,

Jesus, Second Adam,

Jesus, Author of Life,

Jesus, Author of our Salvation,

Jesus, bringing Life and Immortality to light,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, rising from the Dead,
 Jesus, appearing to Mary Magdalene,
 Jesus, speaking peace to the Eleven,
 Jesus, breathing on Thy Apostles,
 Jesus, confirming the faith of Thomas,
 Jesus, showing Thyself at the sea of Tiberias,
 Jesus, commissioning Peter to feed Thy sheep,
 Jesus, conversing with Thy Disciples on the
 Mountain of Galilee,
 Jesus, seen of more than five hundred brethren at
 once,
 Jesus, seen by James,
 Jesus, going in and out among Thy Apostles,
 Jesus, leading them out to Bethany,
 Jesus, carried up into Heaven,
 Jesus, Who shalt come again to judge the Quick
 and the Dead,

Have mercy upon us.

We beseech Thee to hear us:—

They we may put off the old man with his deeds,
 That we may walk in newness of life,
 That we may live to Thee alone,
 That our life may be hidden in Thee,
 That we may persevere unto the end,
 That rising with Thee, we may sin no more,
 That we may attain to the Resurrection of the Just,
 That we may behold Thy face with joy,
 That we may be placed at Thy Right Hand,
 That Thou wouldest give rest and peace to the
 Faithful Departed,
 That with them we may obtain everlasting life,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

✠ Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

 ℟ Spare us, good Lord.

✠ Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

 ℟ Graciously hear us, O Lord.

✠ Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

℞ Grant us Thy peace.

✠ Christ, hear us.

℞ Christ, graciously hear us.

✠ Christ is risen. Alleluia.

℞ He is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD: Who by Thy Only-begotten Son: hast opened the passage to Eternity through His victory over death: Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee: so to confirm us by Thy grace: that we may walk in all our ways like those who have been redeemed from sin: through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost: God for ever and ever: Amen.

The Blessing.

THE Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: make us partakers in the Resurrection of the Just: Amen.

157 OF JESUS GLORIFIED.

LORD, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

✠ Christ, hear us.

℞ *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father, of heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, One God,
 Jesus, Son of God,
 Jesus, King of Glory,
 Jesus, Lord and Christ,
 Jesus, Prince and Saviour,
 Jesus, Blessed and Almighty,
 Jesus, ascending into Heaven,
 Jesus, leading captivity captive,
 Jesus, seated at the Right Hand of the Father,
 Jesus, glorified in Thy Sacred Humanity,
 Jesus, to Whom all power is given in Heaven
 and Earth,
 Jesus, reigning till Thou hast put all things
 under Thy Feet,
 Jesus, Whose Throne is for ever and ever,
 Jesus, adored by the Holy Angels,
 Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant,
 Jesus, Priest for ever after the Order of
 Melchisedec,
 Jesus, ever living to make intercession for us,
 Jesus, Head of Thy Body, the Church,
 Jesus, gone to prepare a place for us,
 Jesus, present in the Sacrament of the Altar,
 Jesus, Who shalt come again, even as Thou
 wentest away,

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us :—

That we may seek the things that are above,
 That we may live according to the Will of God,
 That Thou wouldest dwell in our hearts by faith,
 That Thou wouldest make Thy abode with us,
 That Thou wouldest fill us with love and devotion,
 That Thou wouldest always hear us from Thy holy
 place,
 That Thou wouldest give us another Comforter,
 even the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy upon us.

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest grant us an out-pouring of
His Grace,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest fill us with His Sevenfold Gifts,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest shed abroad the love of God
in our hearts,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest admit us hereafter to Thy
Glory.

We beseech Thee to hear us.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Spare us, good Lord.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Graciously hear us, O Lord.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Have mercy upon us.

✠ Christ hear us,

℟ Christ, graciously hear us.

✠ God is ascended with jubilee. Alleluia.

*℟ And the Lord with the sound of the
trump. Alleluia.*

Let us pray.

O GRACIOUS SAVIOUR: Who hast raised the
weakness of our mortal nature to be glorified
with Thee in Heavenly Places: Remove from us
all effects of sin: and illuminate us with the
brightness of Thy Divine Nature: that we too
may ascend to the same glory: where Thou now
livest and reignest with the Father in the Unity
of the Holy Ghost: God for ever and ever: Amen.

158 OF THE HOLY GHOST.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ O Christ, hear us.
R. O Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father, of Heaven,
 O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
 O God the Holy Ghost,
 O Holy Trinity, one God,
 O Holy Ghost, who proceedest from the Father and
 the Son, and art co-equal with the Father and
 the Son,
 Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 Spirit of counsel and might,
 Spirit of knowledge and godliness,
 Spirit of the fear of the Lord,
 Spirit of sorrow and of repentance,
 Spirit of grace and of supplication,
 Spirit of discipline,
 Spirit of adoption of the sons of God,
 Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
 Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier.

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful and spare us, O Holy Spirit,
Be merciful and graciously hear us, O Holy Spirit.

From all sin, and from all evil,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil,
Holy Ghost, deliver us.

From uncleanness of mind or body,
 From every evil spirit,
 By Thine eternal Procession from the Father and
 the Son,
 By Thy working at the creation,
 By Thine inspiration of the Prophets,
 By Thy descent upon the Blessed Virgin at the
 Lord's incarnation,
 By Thy descent upon the Lord at His Baptism,
 By Thy descent upon the Apostles at Pentecost,
 By Thy continual abiding in the Church,
 By Thy grace and pity,
 In the day of judgment,

Holy Ghost, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us :—

That it may please Thee to shed abroad Thy light
 and love in our hearts,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to open upon us the
 treasures of Thy grace,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to teach us to ask for them
 according to Thy Will,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to teach us to pray, and
 Thyself to pray within us,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may not grieve Thee nor do Thee despite,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That remembering our bodies are Thy temples we
 may take heed to keep them undefiled,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to lead us into all truth,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to pour Thy grace upon
 the whole Church,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Pour out upon us the Holy Ghost.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Send forth upon us the promised Spirit of the Father.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant to us the Spirit of Peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.

Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be made,

And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O MERCIFUL FATHER: that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten: inflame: and cleanse our hearts: that He may shed on us His heavenly dew: and make us fruitful in good works: through Jesus Christ, our Lord: Amen.

159 OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ Christ, hear us.

✠ *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father, Creator of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Elect,
 Holy Trinity, One God,
 Blessed Jesus, God and Man,
 Jesu, Whom the Heavens cannot contain, yet art
 really present on our Altars,
 Jesu, adored by the Heavenly Hosts, yet accepting
 our praises,
 Jesu, veiling Thy Majesty, that we may draw nigh
 to Thee,
 Jesu, Bread of Life, Whom whoso eateth, lives for
 ever,
 Jesu, Good Shepherd, laying down Thy Life for
 Thy sheep,
 Jesu, giving us Thine own Flesh to eat, and Thy
 Blood to drink,
 Jesu, becoming one with us in this Holy
 Sacrament,
 Jesu, Thyself both Priest and Sacrifice,
 ✠ Have mercy, O Lord,
 ℟ *And pardon our sins.*
 ✠ Have mercy, O Lord,
 ℟ *And renew our souls.*
 From measuring Thy Omnipotence by our weak
 understanding,
 Good Lord, deliver us.
 From doubts, distractions, and irreverence,
 Good Lord, deliver us.
 From unworthy and unfruitful receiving,
 Good Lord, deliver us.
 From coldness, hardness of heart, and ingratitude,
 Good Lord, deliver us.
 By Thy Blessed Body, given to us in the Holy
 Communion,
 Good Lord, deliver us.
 By Thy Precious Blood, given to us in the Cup
 of Blessing,
 Good Lord, deliver us.

Have mercy upon us.

We sinners, beseech Thee to hear us :—

That we may believe all Thy Truths revealed to us,
That we may acknowledge our absolute subjection
to Thy Will,

That we may thankfully adore Thy Goodness,
That we may gratefully respond to Thy gracious
invitations,

That we may approach this ineffable Mystery in
perfect charity with all the world,

That receiving Thy most Sacred Body and Blood,
our souls may dissolve in reverence and love,

That returning from this Great Sacrament our
hearts may continue recollected in Thee,

That we may be healed of all infirmities, and
strengthened against all relapses,

That hereafter we may see Thee Face to face,

✠ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Have mercy upon us,

✠ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Hear us, O Lord,

✠ O Christ, hear us.

℟ O Christ, graciously hear us.

✠ Thou, O Lord, has given to us the true Bread
from heaven.

*℟ Blessed be the Name of Thy Majesty for
ever.*

✠ O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

*℟ Blessed and glorified be the Name of our
God for ever and ever.*

Let us pray.

O God : Who in a wonderful Sacrament : hast
left us a perpetual memorial of Thy Passion :
Grant us, we beseech Thee : so to venerate the

We beseech Thee to hear us.

sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood : that the fruits of Thy redemption may be vouchsafed to us : to the glory of Thy Name : who livest and reignest with the Father : in the Unity of the Holy Ghost : God for ever and ever : Amen.

160 OF SPIRITUAL STRENGTH.

O God the Father,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

O God the Son,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

O God the Holy Ghost,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

O holy and ever blessed Trinity,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

By the virtue of Thy holy incarnation,

Lord Jesus, help us.

By the virtue of Thy blameless boyhood,

Lord Jesus, help us.

By the virtue of Thy life of discipline,

Lord Jesus, help us.

By the virtue of Thy passion and death,

Lord Jesus, help us.

By the virtue of Thy resurrection and ascension,

Lord Jesus, help us.

We beseech Thee mercifully to hear us, Lord Jesus,
and strengthen us with Thy divine grace :—

With the faith of Abraham, who left home and
kindred in obedience to Thy call,

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee.

With the obedience of Isaac, who surrendered
himself a willing sacrifice to Thee,

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee.

With the steadfastness of Joseph, who resisted in
the hour of temptation,

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee.

With the firmness of Moses, who endured the
waywardness of the Children of Israel,

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee.

With the valour of David, who prevailed against
the giant Goliath,

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee.

With the boldness of Daniel, who dared to disobey
the king's unrighteous command,

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee.

With the courage of the Three Children, who
flinched not from the fiery furnace,

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee.

From our ghostly enemy,
From the snares of the world,
From the lusts of the flesh,
From defiling thoughts,
From profane, impure and false words,
From degrading acts,
From the fear of man,
From cowardice in religion,
From being turned aside by ridicule,
From being ashamed to confess Thee before men,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In the hour of temptation,

Deliver us, O Lord.

In the hour of conflict,

Deliver us, O Lord.

In the hour of death,

Deliver us, O Lord.

In the day of judgment,

Deliver us, O Lord.

We Thy servants humbly beseech Thee :—

That we may have strength to stand firm in our
holy religion,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may fight manfully under Thy banner
against sin, the world and the devil,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may never deny by our acts the faith we
profess with our lips,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may continue Thy faithful soldiers and
servants unto our lives' end.

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST: Who hast called us to
be Thy soldiers and servants: and hast
signed us with the sign of the cross: Grant that we
may not be ashamed to confess Christ crucified:
but may fight manfully under Thy banner against
sin: the world: and the devil: and continue
Thy faithful soldiers and servants: unto our lives'
end: Amen.

161 OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

LORD, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ Christ, hear us,
℟ *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father, of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier,
Holy Trinity, One God,
God, Who art Infinite Love,
God, Who hast loved us from all eternity,
God, Who commandest us to love Thee,
God, Who hast so loved us as to give us Thy Only-
begotten Son,

Have mercy upon us.

With our whole heart,
 With our whole soul,
 With all our mind,
 With every faculty,
 More than all goods and all honours,
 More than all the pleasures and enjoyments of this
 world,
 More than all our friends and acquaintances,
 More than any of our relations, and more than our-
 selves,
 More than all mankind and all angels,
 More than anything that exists on earth or in
 heaven,

For Thine own sake only,
 Because Thou art Supreme Good,
 Because Thou art Infinite Perfection,
 Because Thou art Infinite Love,
 If Thou hadst not promised us heaven,

We would still love Thee, O God.

If Thou hadst not threatened us with hell,

We would still love Thee, O God.

Though Thou shouldest send us crosses and trials
 and sorrows,

We would still love Thee, O God.

In poverty as well as in plenty,
 In affliction as well as in happiness,
 In contempt as well as amid honours,
 In sorrow as well as in joy,
 In sickness as well as in health,
 In life as well as in death,
 In time as in eternity,

That our love may be like that of the Cherubim
 and Seraphim,

We desire it, O God.

That our love may be united with that of all Thine
 Elect in heaven,

We desire it, O God.

We would love Thee, O God.

*We will love
 Thee, O God.*

That we may love Thee with a love as pure as that
with which the Blessed Virgin Mother loved Thee,

We desire it, O God.

That our love may be inflamed by the Infinite Love
with which Thou lovest us, and hast loved us,
and wilt love us through all eternity,

We desire it, O God.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Hear us, O Lord.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Grant us Thy love.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,

℟ Have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

O GOD : Who dost possess all that is perfect : or
can excite our love ; Destroy, we beseech Thee,
from our hearts : every feeling and affection
contrary to Thy Love : and inflame us with such
ardent love of Thee : that we may love nothing but
in Thee : and for Thy sake : through Jesus Christ
Thy Son our Lord : Who liveth and reigneth with
Thee ; in the Unity of the Holy Ghost : One God,
world without end : Amen.

162 OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

LORD, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

✠ Christ, hear us.

℟ Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, of heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, One God,
 O God, Who by the Archangel Michael didst over-
 throw the rebel angels,
 Who by the Archangel Michael didst comfort
 Daniel,
 Who by the Archangel Gabriel didst foretell the
 birth of S. John Baptist,
 Who by the Archangel Gabriel didst announce to
 Mary the Incarnation of God,
 Who by Angels and Archangels art ever wor-
 shipped in Heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

✠ We praise Thee, and say with them, now and
 ever,

℟ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

For the Angels, Guardians of Thy people Israel,
 For the Angels announcing the Birth of Jesus,
 For the Angels ministering to Jesus in the
 wilderness,
 For the Angel strengthening Jesus in His Agony,
 For the Angels appearing at His Resurrection,
 For the Angels comforting the Disciples at the
 Ascension,
 For the Angels upholding Thy Saints in danger,
 For the Angels ministering to the heirs of
 Salvation,
 For the Angels rejoicing over every sinner that
 repents,
 For the Angels offering the prayers of Thy
 worshippers,
 For the Angels protecting us with ceaseless
 care,

Glory be to Thee, O Lord,

✠ Be merciful.

℟ Spare us, O Lord.

From all dangers,
 From the snares of the devil,
 From storm and tempest,
 From plague, famine, and war,
 From heresy and schism,
 From sudden and unlooked for death,
 From everlasting death,

*O Lord,
 deliver us.*

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us:—

That Thou wouldest govern and preserve Thy
 holy Church,
 That Thou wouldest protect our Bishops and all
 Orders of the Church,
 That Thou wouldest grant peace and security
 to all Christian Kings and Princes,
 That Thou wouldest give and preserve to us
 the fruits of the earth,

*We beseech Thee
 to hear us.*

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

℟ Spare us, O Lord.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

℟ Graciously hear us, O Lord.

✠ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

℟ Have mercy upon us.

✠ O Praise the Lord, ye Angels of His,

*℟ Ye that excel in strength, ye that fulfil His
 Commandments, and hearken unto the voice
 of His words.*

✠ O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts,

℟ Ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

✠ He hath given His Angels charge concerning
 thee,

℟ To keep thee in all thy ways.

✠ The Angels of the Lord shall encamp round
about them that fear Him,

R̃ And shall deliver them.

✠ O Lord, hear our prayer,

R̃ And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD OUR GOD: Who orderest all things in
heaven and earth: we beseech Thee, look
upon us, toiling here below in this Thy lower
world: and mercifully vouchsafe to refresh us: by
the protection and ministry of Thy holy Angels:
through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord: Who
liveth and reigneth with Thee: in the Unity of the
Holy Ghost: God for ever and ever: Amen.

163 OF INTERCESSION.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ O Christ, hear us.

R̃ O Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father, of heaven.

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost.

Have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, One God.

Have mercy upon us.

Spare us, O Lord, and hearken unto our voice as
we cry unto Thee.

Have mercy upon us.

May it please Thee to bless Thy whole Church, and to increase the number of those who labor in Thy harvest.

May it please Thee to bless all who work for the extension of Thy Kingdom and for bringing the heathen to the knowledge of Thy Truth.

May it please Thee to stir up fresh zeal in all Thy faithful people, for the advance of every good word and work.

May it please Thee to grant to all communicants to be truly reconciled to Thee, and to be in perfect charity with all the world, as they approach the banquet of Divine Love.

May they, as they go forth from Thy heavenly mysteries, be zealous to praise and glorify Thee, and strive to live after thy commandments.

By this heavenly medicine, may their hearts be healed of all infirmities, and their wills strengthened against all relapses.

May all who by faith worship and adore Thee here, behold Thee hereafter face to face, and be glad evermore with the joy of Thy countenance.

May it please Thee to enable those who work for Thee to labour with zeal, with self-sacrifice, and with success, for the salvation of souls.

May it please Thee to guide by Thine indwelling Spirit those who are in doubt as to their vocation, and to give them courage to embrace it, when it is made known to them.

May it please Thee to preserve all those who are in special temptation, and keep them true to Thee.

May it please Thee to encourage all drooping spirits, and to direct the hearts of such as are rejoicing, to rejoice in Thee.

May it please Thee to guard and direct all

Hear us, we beseech Thee,

travellers, giving Thy holy angels charge concerning them to keep them in all their ways.

May it please Thee to bless all family life, to direct all parents in their sacred task, and to give to all children a filial fear of Thee, and an ardent love of Thy Holy Name.

May it please Thee to draw to the waters of regeneration those who are as yet unbaptized, and to perfect in all hearts the work of Thy baptismal grace by the unction and seal of Thy Holy Spirit.

May it please Thee to prosper with Thy blessing all schools and orphanages, and to make them fruitful nurseries of good and holy souls.

May it please Thee to endue all the members of religious communities with entire devotion, unwearied zeal, and perfect charity.

May it please Thee to bless the work of all guilds and societies which exist for Thy glory and the good of souls.

O Merciful Father,

Hear us, for Thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ's sake.

O blessed Lord Jesus Christ,

Draw us, that we may run after Thee.

O God the Holy Ghost: one with the Father and the Son:

Purify, quicken, and help us. Amen.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

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FOR A DUE SUPPLY OF FAITHFUL MINISTERS.

O GOD the Father,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us.
 Holy Trinity, One God,
Have mercy upon us.

We beseech Thee that, to all whom Thou shalt call
 to the priest's office, Thou wouldest grant :—

IN BOYHOOD,

The Spirit of Wisdom, to choose Thee and Thy
 Service ;
 The Spirit of Understanding, to learn and hold
 fast the Mysteries of the Faith ;
 The Spirit of Counsel, to the avoidance of evil ;
 The Spirit of Ghostly Strength, to overcome the
 temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh ;
 The Spirit of Knowledge, to the sanctification of
 intellect ;
 The Spirit of true Godliness, that they may live in
 obedience to Thy laws, and may walk before
 Thee ;
 The Spirit of Holy Fear, that they may have a deep
 reverence for holy things ;
 Grant to them the love of Truth ;
 Purity of life and conversation ;
 Courage to confess the Faith before their fellows
 and the world ;
 We beseech Thee that, to all whom Thou shalt call
 to the priest's office, Thou wouldest grant :—

We beseech Thee.

IN EARLY MANHOOD,

Steadfastness of purpose ;
 An unwavering faith ;
 A spotless purity of life ;
 A burning zeal for the advancement of Thy
 kingdom ;
 A readiness to deny self for others, and for Thee
 above all ;

Hear us, etc.

That it may please Thee to give Thy call to many to glorify Thee in the priest's office, in the Mission field, and in the religious life;

That it may please Thee to grant to the talented, the gifts of faith, industry in study, purity of motive, and the grace of humility;

That it may please Thee to grant to the slow and backward, patience under discouragement, submission under rebuke, and the joy of a perfectly surrendered will;

That it may please Thee to give to all the grace of final perseverance;

To those amongst evil influences, vouchsafe a consciousness of Thy Presence;

To those whose faith is shaken, grant the revelation of Thy great love;

To those who are halting between two opinions, vouchsafe grace to choose Thee and the Faith once for all delivered to Thy saints;

To those tempted to disloyalty to Thee or to Thy Church, give grace to repent and do the first works;

From all unworthy or imperfect motives in the seeking of holy orders,

Deliver them, O Lord.

From all misunderstanding of Thy Son Jesus Christ's words of power,

Deliver them, O Lord.

From ordination in unrepented sin,

Deliver them, O Lord.

Grant to all the knowledge of Thy truth, and, in the world to come, life everlasting.

Let us pray.

REVIVE, WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD: in our Universities and in our Schools: such a spirit of devotion: that they may send forth many:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

to the work of Thy Church : at home and abroad : loving Thee with a pure love : and resolved to offer themselves a sacrifice to Thee : in winning others to Thy love : through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

165 OF THANKSGIVING.

LORD have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

O God the Father, of heaven,

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son,

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God,

O God, Who hast decreed from eternity to do good unto us,

Who hast employed Thy Power, Wisdom and Love for our benefit,

Who every moment dost bestow new blessings upon us,

Who hast not withdrawn Thy bounteous hand from us, though we have sinned against Thee,

Because Thou hast made us in Thine own image,

Because Thou hast raised us up to an aim and end beyond this life,

Because Thou hast given us an immortal soul,

Because thou hast made it able to know Thee, love Thee, and enjoy Thee for ever,

Because Thou hast given so many created things for our service,

Because Thou has kept and nourished us hitherto in Thy fatherly goodness,

Have mercy upon us.

*We thank Thee,
 O Lord.*

Because Thou hast given us the Holy Angels as
 our guardians and helpers,
 Because Thou hast redeemed us from the captivity
 of hell by the Passion of Thy dear Son,
 Because Thou hast made us members of Thy holy
 Catholic Church,
 Because Thou hast given us the holy sacraments
 for our salvation.
 Because Thou hast given us so many other means
 of grace,
 Because Thou hast not rejected and condemned us
 for our many past sins,
 Because Thou hast saved us from innumerable sins
 of soul and body,
 For all Thy gifts and blessings, natural and
 supernatural,
 For all Thy fatherly correction and chastisement,
 For all Thy gifts and blessings which we have not
 fully known,
 For all Thy gifts and blessings which we have
 failed to treasure up,
 For all Thy gifts and blessings which we have so
 often sinfully misused,
 For all Thy gifts and blessings which Thou hast
 bestowed on our relations, benefactors, and
 friends,
 For all Thy gifts and blessings which Thou hast
 bestowed on all the family of mankind,
 In union with the thanksgivings which the Church
 militant here on earth pays Thee, and will pay
 Thee till the end of the world,
 In union with the thanksgivings which the Church
 triumphant in heaven pays Thee, and will pay
 Thee for evermore,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

We thank Thee, O Lord.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee.

Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee

All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord.

And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

In everything give thanks.

For this is the will of God.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD : Father of all mercies : in union with all the faithful throughout Thy whole Church : we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks : for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness : to us and to all men.

Glory be to the Father : and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning : is now : and ever shall be : world without end : Amen.

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OF MISSIONARY INTERCESSION.

O GOD THE FATHER, Who hast made all men and hatest nothing Thou hast made :

Have mercy upon all.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world :

Have mercy upon those whom Thou hast redeemed.

O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter and Teacher :

Give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, Three Persons, One God :

Have mercy upon all men.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; remember not our past indifference, nor the years wherein we did not strive to forward Thy kingdom.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all sloth and selfishness, from love of this present world and unwillingness to bear Thy Cross,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all restraint of prayer, forgetfulness of Thy love and unmindfulness of Thy promises,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all coldness of heart, deafness to Thy calls and neglect of the opportunities of serving Thee,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation, and by the love wherewith Thou hast loved us unto death,

Jesu, hear and save.

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, Thy perpetual Intercession, and promise to abide with us for ever, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Jesu, hear and save.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy Holy Church universal in the right way;

That it may please Thee to bless Thy servant the King, the Bishops and Clergy, and all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee;

That it may please Thee to shed Thy grace upon Thy Church in this land and in all parts and dependencies of the British Empire, that true holiness and pure religion may flourish in all our borders;

That it may please Thee to fill us with deep compassion for perishing souls, and to kindle in our hearts a fervent zeal for their salvation;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

- That it may please Thee to move the hearts of faithful men to go forth as Missionaries to the heathen, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God ;
- That it may please Thee to pour forth Thy Spirit upon all nations, that all flesh may see the salvation of God ;
- That it may please Thee to bless with plentiful fruit all missions of Thy Church ;
- That it may please Thee to bless Thy people gathered from amongst the heathen, that they may be as the salt of the earth, and abound in good works to the glory of Thy Name ;
- That it may please Thee to raise up among them a faithful ministry to feed Thy flock entrusted to their care ;
- That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived ;
- That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand ; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted ; and to raise up them that fall ; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet ;
- That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men ;
- That it may please Thee to give us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God : we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God : we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world ;

Grant us Thy peace.

OUR FATHER But deliver us from evil :
Amen.

Let the heathen fear Thy name, O Lord ;

And all the kings of the earth Thy Majesty.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them ;

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father : and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning : is now : and ever shall be : world without end : Amen.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD : Who wilt have all men to be saved : and to come to the knowledge of the truth : Make us to know and feel : that there is none other name under heaven : given among men : whereby we must be saved : but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ : to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost : be all honour and glory : world without end : Amen.

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OF MISSIONARY THANKSGIVING.

O God the Father, of heaven :

We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world :

We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O God the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier :

We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

For the glorious mystery of the Incarnation,

We thank Thee, O God.

For the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

For the opening of the Kingdom of Heaven,

For the coming of the Holy Ghost,

For the means of grace, and of union with thy glorious life,

For the hope of glory,

For the preservation to us of the Faith of Pentecost,

For the spread of the Gospel into all lands,

For the power of grace in the strongholds of Satan,

For the glorious victories and triumphs of the Church,

For many nations brought to the Faith,

For the steadfastness of converts amid trials and persecutions,

For that many have been counted worthy to suffer shame for Thy name,

For the example and service of holy bishops,

For the zeal and devotion of missionary priests,

For the self-surrender of all who have gone forth to the work,

For all martyrs and confessors for the Faith,

For all faithful labourers called to their rest,

For all answers to our prayers,

We praise Thee, O God.

For thy gentle and long-suffering patience,

We praise Thee, O God.

For all thy unnumbered favours and mercies,

We praise Thee, O God.

O ye priests of the Lord,

Bless ye the Lord.

O ye servants of the Lord,

Bless ye the Lord.

Let everything that hath breath,

Praise the Lord.

We thank Thee, O God.

℟ Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel,
which only doeth wondrous things; and blessed
be the Name of His Majesty for ever.

℣ And all the earth shall be filled with His Majesty.
Amen, Amen.

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OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.

God the Father, of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the elect,
Holy Trinity, One God,

*We worship
Thee.*

Jesus, Son of the Living God,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, Joy of the Angels,
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
Jesus, Inspirer of the Prophets,
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of the Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of the Confessors,
Jesus, Crown of all the Saints,

*We worship Thee and
glorify Thy Name.*

We, Thine unworthy servants, praise and
bless Thee for Thy grace made manifest
in Thy Saints:—

For Blessed Mary, Virgin and Mother,
We praise Thee, O Lord.

For the example of her most holy life,
 For St. Joseph, Thy tender Guardian and
 Foster Father,
 For the Holy Innocents who shed their
 blood for Thee,
 For blessed St. John Baptist, wonderfully
 born and sent to prepare Thy way,
 For the Holy Women who ministered to
 Thee of their substance,

*We praise Thee,
 O Lord.*

For the Holy Apostles, foundation stones
 of the Church,
 For their life of ministry and death of
 suffering,
 For the Holy Evangelists, recorders of the
 Gospel Message,
 For St. Stephen, first of the martyr band,
 For St. Paul, and his wonderful conversion,
 For his life of devotion and self-surrender,
 For his preaching, whereby the light of
 the Gospel has shone throughout the
 world,
 For St. Barnabas, endued with singular
 gifts of the Holy Ghost,
 For St. Timothy and St. Titus, called to
 be fellow-bishops with the Apostles,
 For the chosen seven, first deacons of the
 Church, full of the Holy Ghost and of
 wisdom,
 For the first followers of the Apostles, and
 their glad endurance of persecution,
 For Clement and all other their fellow
 labourers whose names are in the Book
 of Life,
 For the brave and devoted women who
 laboured in the Gospel,
 For the goodly company of the Prophets,

We praise Thee, O Lord.

For the noble army of Martyrs,
And herein especially for St. George,
Patron Saint of England, who suffered
torture and death rather than deny his
Faith,

For that great multitude which no man
can number, of all nations and kindreds
and people and tongues, who stand
before the Throne and before the Lamb,
clothed with white robes and palms in
their hands.

We praise Thee, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to accept our
praises and thanksgivings:—

For all those who in this land have
glorified Thee by their saintly examples
and life of service,

For the unknown missionaries by whose
zeal our forefathers received the Faith,

For St. Alban, first of British Martyrs,

For St. Patrick and his companions who
brought the Faith to Ireland,

For St. David, Archbishop and Apostle
of Wales,

For St. Columba and St. Aidan, who won
to the Faith the northern nations,

For St. Augustine and his companions,
missionaries to the Saxon tribes,

For all those who by their prayers, their
preaching, and their saintly lives, took
their part in bringing the British Isles
to the knowledge of Thy Truth,

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

We also bless and praise Thy Holy
Name for all those who have gone
from this land to proclaim the Gospel
among the heathen:—

For the martyr-missionaries—bishops,
priests and deacons, catechists and
evangelists, who have laid down their
lives for Thee,

For the saints and heroes of the Mission
Field who, not counting their lives dear
unto themselves, have boldly in every
land proclaimed the Gospel of Salvation,

*We thank Thee,
Lord Jesus.*

All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord,
And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

They show the glory of Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy power.

That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy
kingdom,
Might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

These are they who have come out of great
tribulation,

*R̃ And have washed their robes and made them
white in the Blood of the Lamb.*

Therefore they are before the Throne of God, and
serve Him day and night in His temple,

*R̃ And He that sitteth on the Throne shall
dwell among them.*

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD: who hast knit together Thine
elect: in one communion and fellowship: in
the mystical body: of Thy Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace: so to follow Thy blessed saints:
in all virtuous and godly living: that we may
come to those unspeakable joys: which Thou hast
prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee:
through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

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OF PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

O God the Father, of Heaven,
Have mercy upon us, keep and defend us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
Have mercy upon us, save and deliver us.

O God the Holy Ghost;
Have mercy upon us, strengthen and comfort us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences
 of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance
 of our sins; Spare us, good Lord, spare Thy
 people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most
 precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From Thy wrath and heavy indignation; from the
 guilt and burden of sin; from the dreadful
 sentence of the last judgment;

From the sting and terrors of conscience; from
 impatience, distrust, or despair; from extremity
 of sickness and pain, which may withdraw our
 mind from God,

From the bitter pangs of eternal death; from the
 gates of hell; from the powers of darkness; and
 from the illusions of Satan,

By Thy manifold and great mercies: by Thy mani-
 fold and great merits: by Thine agony and
 bloody sweat: by Thy bitter cross and passion:
 by Thy glorious Ascension, and most acceptable
 intercession, and by the graces of the Holy Ghost.

For the glory of Thy Name: for Thy loving mercy
 and truth's sake.

In our last and greatest need; in the hour of death,
 and in the day of judgment:

Good Lord, deliver us.

As Thou hast delivered all Thy saints and servants
which called upon Thee in their extremity,

*Good Lord, deliver us; and receive our
souls for Thy mercies' sake.*

Be merciful unto us, and forgive us all our sins,
which, by the malice of the devil, or by our own
frailty, we have at any time of our life committed
against Thee.

Lay not to our charge what, in the lust of the eye,
the pride of life or vanity, we have committed
against Thee.

Lay not to our charge what, by an angry spirit, by
vain and idle words, by foolish jesting, we have
committed against Thee.

Make us partakers of all Thy mercies and promises
in Christ Jesus.

Vouchsafe our souls a place of rest in the Paradise
of God, with all Thy blessed saints; and our
bodies a part in the blessed resurrection.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God,

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, and receive our prayer;

Even the prayer which Thou hast taught us:—

Our Father from evil: Amen.

We beseech Thee, Good Lord.

Christian Truths.

ONE.

One God. One Church. One Faith.

THE TWO GREATER SACRAMENTS.

1. Holy Baptism. 2. Holy Communion.

THE TWO KINDS OF SIN.

1. Original. 2. Actual.

Actual sin:—(a) Mortal. (b) Venial.

THE THREE PARTS OF TRUE REPENTANCE.

1. Contrition. 2. Confession. 3. Satisfaction.

THE THREE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES.

1. Faith. 2. Hope. 3. Charity.

THE THREE EMINENT GOOD WORKS.

1. Alms Deeds. 2. Prayer. 3. Fasting.

THE THREE EVANGELICAL COUNSELS.

1. Voluntary Poverty. 2. Perpetual Chastity,
i.e., Virginity or Widowhood. 3. Holy Obedience.

THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES.

1. Prudence. 2. Justice. 3. Fortitude.
4. Temperance.

THE FOUR LAST THINGS.

1. Death. 2. Judgment. 3. Heaven. 4. Hell.

THE FIVE LESSER SACRAMENTS.

1. Confirmation. 2. Absolution. 3. Holy Orders.
4. Matrimony. 5. Unction of the sick.

THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

1. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

—*S. Luke* i. 26-38. 2. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.—*S. Luke* i. 39-56. 3. The Birth of Christ our Lord.—*S. Luke* ii. 1-20. 4. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.—*S. Luke* ii. 22-40. 5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.—*S. Luke* ii. 41-51.

THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES.

1. The Bloody Sweat of Jesus in the Garden.—*S. Luke* xxii. 44. 2. The Scourging of Jesus.—*S. John* xix. 1. 3. The Crowning with Thorns.—*S. John* xix. 2, 3. 4. The Bearing of the Cross.—*S. John* xix. 17. 5. The Crucifixion.—*S. John* xix. 18-31.

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

1. The Resurrection of our Lord.—*S. Matt.* xxviii. 1-9. 2. The Ascension of our Lord. *Acts* i. 9-12. 3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost.—*Acts* ii. 1-5. 4. The Triumph of the Church in the Saints.—*Rev.* vii. 2-13. 5. The Beatific Vision.—*Rev.* iv. 1-11.

THE SEVENFOLD GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

1. Wisdom. 2. Understanding. 3. Counsel. 4. Strength. 5. Knowledge. 6. Godliness. 7. Fear of the Lord.

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY.

1. To correct the sinner. 2. To teach the ignorant. 3. To counsel the doubtful. 4. To comfort the sorrowful. 5. To bear wrongs patiently. 6. To forgive all injuries. 7. To pray for the quick and dead.

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY.

1. To feed the hungry. 2. To give drink to the

thirsty. 3. To clothe the naked. 4. To visit the prisoner. 5. To shelter the stranger. 6. To visit the sick. 7. To bury the dead.

THE SEVEN WORDS ON THE CROSS.

1. Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. 2. Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise. 3. Woman, behold thy Son! Behold thy Mother. 4. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? 5. I thirst. 6. It is finished. 7. Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

VI. Against Anger. XXXII. Against Pride. XXXVIII. Against Gluttony. LI. Against Lust. CII. Against Covetousness. CXXX. Against Envy. CXLII. Against Sloth.

THE SEVEN CAPITAL OR DEADLY SINS.

1. Anger. 2. Pride. 3. Gluttony. 4. Lust. 5. Covetousness. 6. Envy. 7. Sloth.

THE SEVEN CONTRARY VIRTUES.

1. Humility. 2. Liberality. 3. Chastity. 4. Meekness. 5. Temperance. 6. Brotherly Love. 7. Diligence.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. 2. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. 3. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. 4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. 5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

6. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. 7. Blessed are the Peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. 8. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE NINE FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

1. Love. 2. Joy. 3. Peace. 4. Long-suffering. 5. Gentleness. 6. Goodness. 7. Faith. 8. Meekness. 9. Temperance.

THE NINE WAYS OF BEING AN ACCOMPLICE TO ANOTHER'S SIN.

1. By counsel. 2. By command. 3. By consent. 4. By provocation. 5. By praise or flattery. 6. By concealment. 7. By partaking. 8. By silence. 9. By defending what has been wickedly done.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

- I. I am the Lord thy God: thou shalt have none other gods but Me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother.
- VI. Thou shalt do no murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
- X. Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbour's.

Psalms for Special Occasions.

Advent—18, 45, 46, 72.

Christmastide—19, 45, 85, 89, 110, 132, /

New Year—1, 77, 90, 103, 144.

Epiphany—2, 45, 46, 47, 72, 86, 87.

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Passiontide—22, 40, 54, 69, 88, / 6, 35, 38, 41, 55, 69, 70.

Maunday Thursday—41, 140, 141.

Eastertide—2, 57, 111, 113, 114, 118, / 3, 30, 76.

Rogationtide—17, 27, 56, 57, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66.

Ascensiontide—8, 15, 21, 24, 47, 108, / 2, 57, 93, 110.

Whitsuntide—48, 68, 104, 145, / 84, 85.

Trinitytide—8, 29, 33, 46, 93, 96, 97, 148, 149, 150.

Embertide—125, 126, 132, 133, 134.

Michaelmas—91, 103, 104.

Saints' Days and other Festivals—111, 112, 113, 148, 149, 150.

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SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS USING THE MANUAL.

IT is most important that the Leader should prepare carefully beforehand the Devotion which he is to conduct. It should usually be so selected and arranged as to provide opportunity for sitting and standing as well as for kneeling, unless the Prayer Meeting be a short one.

It is of the greatest importance to insist upon, and to provide for, due preparation for Prayer. In this relation the value of periods of silence in united devotions cannot be over-estimated. They serve as a good preparation. They mark usefully a transition from one series of devotions to another, *e.g.*, the passing from penitence to intercession, or from supplication to thanksgiving. They also serve as a valuable means of praying for a person or object where a set prayer is not available. See, for example, No. 141.

It is profitable to indicate before the Devotion begins, the selected devotions which it is proposed to use on the occasion.

It is probably best that the Leader should stand or kneel facing the people during the Devotion, preferably at a desk where he can have his books at hand, and be free at the same time to dispose his hands in a position of prayer.

It will be observed that the devotions of the Manual have been so arranged as to allow a very large share of the prayer being taken by the congregation. The difficulty usually experienced

in securing such united prayer is that of ordered and well-timed recital. To facilitate this the devotions are divided into short sentences, with a colon to indicate the necessary pauses. Further, with a view to a united beginning, every devotion suitable for united use has its initial words printed in capitals. These words the Leader will say alone, then the people will repeat them, and then both Leader and people proceed together.

It is, of course, in no way necessary that the devotions so marked should be always said together. The Leader will decide beforehand and indicate as he proceeds how each particular devotion is, on the occasion, to be said.

The Psalms afford a very valuable part of Prayer Meetings. They may often with advantage be said seated. They may be recited by Leader and people in alternate verses; or as versicles and responses, the Leader saying the first half, to the colon, the people the second half; or they may be said choir-wise, *decani* and *cantoris*, if the people are seated in two approximately equal bodies. The Leader will indicate the method which he selects. Much help may be given by indicating beforehand the special teaching and divisions of the psalm about to be recited. The Bishop of Edinburgh's *The People's Psalter* will be found of great service for this purpose.

It is of the utmost importance to secure measured and unhurried time in the recitation of the psalms. To this end a pause should always be made at the colon, both in the verses of the psalms themselves and of the *Gloria*. One special profit which a Prayer Meeting should offer is that of a

calm, restful, unhurried interval in the rush and turmoil of life.

Litanies are of the greatest value in united devotions. The litanies of this Manual will be found collected together at the end of the volume, but it should be noted that they find a place under many of the preceding subjects, and should be used in connexion with them.

Passages of Scripture carefully selected as suitable for united use may, with advantage, form part of the Prayer Meeting, and be recited together (see p. 152). A zealous Leader would find much interest and profit in gathering from the Old and New Testament, and the Apocrypha, a collection of effective and striking passages for this purpose.

It is obviously impossible to include within the covers of a volume, limited in size and reasonable in price, all the prayers and devotions which should find a welcome there. Especially is this the case with missionary devotions. Such missionary devotions as are here given should be supplemented by missionary manuals and intercessionary leaflets, of which so many are now issued.

And prayers from other manuals can always be introduced; indeed they can be even unitedly used if the Leader recites them sentence by sentence and the people recite them after him, in the manner so familiar in the General Confession at Matins and Evensong.

Hymns are often a useful accompaniment of Prayer Meetings. They may be said as well as sung; *where there is doubt as to the musical

strength and capacity of the meeting, it is probably better to recite than to sing.

The above hints and suggestions are offered for consideration, and must only be taken for what they are worth. Every Leader will naturally evolve his own method, guided by his own experience, by the capacity of the Prayer Meeting which he is called upon to lead, and by the Holy Spirit.

But in all cases, and at the expenditure of all effort, the Leader will endeavour to create that atmosphere of prayer in which the spirits of the people shall breathe freely the Divine breath, and be moved and uplifted as they pray.

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P.S.—Leaders will do well to consult *Prayer Meetings for Churchmen*, Rev. C. Harris, D.D., (S.P.C.K., 2d.), which provides valuable hints and suggestions on this subject.

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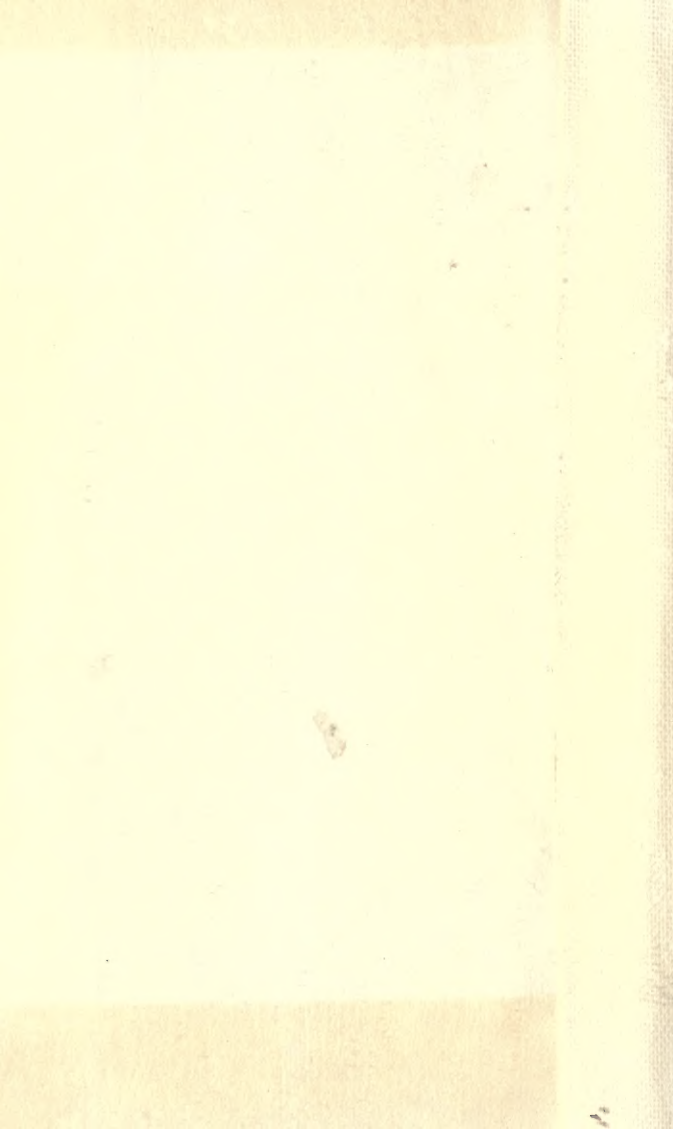
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